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## Spring resigns as Mayhew aide New calls for privacy law as MP quits

By JILL SHERMAN AND ANDREW PIERCE

SENIOR politicians renewed their demands for a privacy law last night as another Conservative MP was brought down by allegations about his sex life.

Richard Spring resigned as parliamentary aide to Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, after the *News of the World* disclosed details of an alleged ménage à trois with a Sunday school teacher and a businessman at the MP's home. The newspaper also reported in detail indiscreet remarks Mr Spring made to have made about the Royal Family and Cabinet ministers during a dinner party at his home.

Mr Spring's departure — the eighteenth to rock the Government since 1992 — deals a further blow to the Conservative Party's attempts to shed its "sleazy" image, although senior party sources insisted that Mr Spring's resignation was now part of the course after Mr Mayhew's edict that government members should quit at the first whiff of scandal.

But the newspaper's revelations immediately prompted calls for legal controls to restrain the press. John Townsend, chairman of the Tory finance committee said: "The press is getting out of control. This is not a matter of public interest." Other MPs suspected that Mr Spring may have been the victim of entrapment. The newspaper's report was very detailed and there was speculation that Ms Nightingale, the woman involved, may have taped the dinner conversation.

Nevertheless, there was little attempt at senior government level to defend Mr Spring, whose reported remarks about a variety of



Spring: ministers irked by reported remarks

personalities, including Norma Major, have irked ministers. The Northern Ireland Office issued a curt statement saying that Sir Patrick had accepted the resignation of his parliamentary private secretary with regret.

Piers Morgan, the editor of the *News of the World*, defended his paper's story and welcomed Mr Spring's resignation. He refused to comment on suggestions that the paper had paid Ms Nightingale to go to the MP's house with a tape recorder. "I never discuss how we get our stories. Mr Spring and other Tories may think we stitched him up. But I don't think anyone from the *News of the World* told Mr Spring to go into the bedroom with another man and a woman," he said.

When asked how the newspaper was able to report such detailed transcripts of the conversation, he replied: "I don't discuss the mechanics of a story. But she has a vivid and very good recollection."

Mr Spring had met Ms Nightingale only twice before the dinner party, Mr Morgan said. "For an MP to be so indiscreet about parliamenta-

ry colleagues, and the Prime Minister and his wife, to a woman he has met only twice before is astonishing. Before Tory MPs bleat about the behaviour of tabloids, they ought to examine their own behaviour."

Mr Townsend insisted, however, that the affair proved the need for a privacy law, although he said: "He probably had no alternative but to resign. I don't see that it's right for the press to make these sort of disclosures. It isn't as if it were corruption. Lloyd George was bedding women on the floor of Downing Street when he was Prime Minister during World War One, and he played a significant part in winning the war. What good would it have done anybody if he had resigned?"

Gerald Kaufman, chairman of the National Heritage Select Committee, said that the Government ought to respond urgently to the clamour for a privacy law. He said: "Two years ago the select committee published a detailed investigation into the case for a privacy law. We are still waiting. Ministers keep saying the response will come soon. But nothing happens."

The committee's report recommended specific action on secret recording and filming, and last night Michael Fabricant, one of the committee's Conservative members, said: "If it can be shown that Richard Spring was the victim of entrapment the case for a tightening of privacy legislation will be overwhelming. If it transpires that the press used people as their agents provocateur the case for privacy legislation will have been reinforced."

Wined and dined, page 2



A helicopter flies in to carry out those seriously wounded after the first of two suicide bombings near a Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip

## Gaza suicide bombs kill seven Jews

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL was plunged into a political crisis last night after Islamic extremists in the autonomous Gaza Strip detonated two suicide bombs within miles of each other, killing seven Israelis and leaving 45 wounded, seven of them in critical condition.

Within hours of the two attacks President Weizman repeated his call made in January, after 21 Jews were killed in a suicide bombing, for an immediate halt to peace talks with the Palestine Liberation Organisation for a "reassessment" of the situation. The President's original call struck a chord with the public, but was brushed aside by the centre-left Government, which argued that any such move would be playing into the hands of Islamic terrorists determined to sabotage the 1993 peace accord.

Soon after the President issued his latest rallying cry, Israel Radio announced that the Knesset would be recalled from its spring recess on Wednesday to discuss the latest attacks and an earlier call by a senior cabinet minister for Netanyahu, one of the Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip, to be dismantled.

A leading right-winger, Rafel Eitan, a former chief of staff and now leader of the hardline Tsomet party, demanded that Israeli troops be sent back in to Gaza to seize Islamic militants who were quick to claim responsibility for yesterday's violence.

Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, who went to the scene of the worse of the two bombings, summoned a meeting of ministers and security experts in Jerusalem. He pledged, as he has done after similar previous terrorist outrages, that the peace process would not be halted.

The carefully planned attacks occurred as the 19-month old peace process was already

in a state of deadlock, with Israeli and PLO negotiators unable to agree a date for the implementation of the second stage. This should involve Israeli redeployment from all Palestinian population centres in the West Bank and the staging of Palestinian elections there.

Both moves should have taken place nine months ago. But even before yesterday's Gaza explosions sent political shock waves through Israel, there was little sign that the recently set revised target date for agreement of July 1 would be met.

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## Electricity bill rebates doubt

Eastern Group, biggest of the twelve privatised electricity distribution companies under pressure to make big hand-outs to customers, has taken legal advice and believes that rebates might be illegal, especially if not agreed by shareholders in advance. Page 44

## Compensation cases hit NHS

The growth of a "sue for everything" culture in the NHS is threatening the quality of medical care and diverting scarce resources into lawyers' pockets, doctors say. Page 2

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## Single currency delayed to 2003

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN VERSAILLES

EUROPEAN UNION finance ministers delayed the timetable for monetary union at an informal meeting here at the weekend, ensuring that a single European currency will not be introduced until well into the next century.

Germany achieved a broad-based consensus for an effectively brand-new transition phase of at least a year to give Europe time to set up the new central bank in Frankfurt. Such a long interim phase implies that the political decision on who can join the single currency will have to be brought forward to late 1997.

The new timetable will also affect the British Government. If, as expected, Britain holds a general election in mid-1997, the decision about joining the single currency will be among the first tasks for the new Government.

Despite the need to make an early decision, it also became apparent at the meeting that the introduction of new notes and coins is still many years away. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said that "no ordinary citizen will be using the single currency well into the 21st century."

After the beginning of the third stage of European Monetary Union in early 1999, it could take up to four years to mint new coins and print new notes — and to allow banks to make the necessary internal technical changes.

That would mean that the single currency would not be available until 2003. In the interim, Europeans would continue using national currencies which would be traded with other currencies within the system at a fixed rate.

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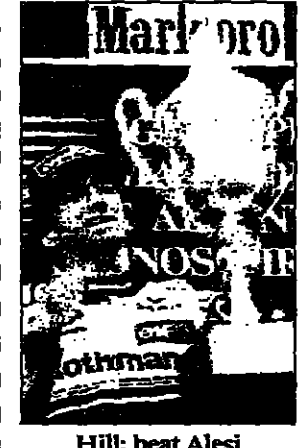
## Buenos Aires victory for Hill

By ROBIN YOUNG

BRITAIN'S Damon Hill won the Argentinian Grand Prix in Buenos Aires yesterday, beating Jean Alesi of France by more than seven seconds.

Michael Schumacher, of Germany, the world champion, was third, with his Benetton teammate Johnny Herbert fourth.

In a weekend of major sporting events, a football



Hill: beat Alesi by seven seconds

fan died and another was seriously injured when fighting erupted between rival supporters before the FA Cup semi-final between Crystal Palace and Manchester United at Villa Park yesterday.

The man who died, in a car park brawl, was thought to be a Crystal Palace fan.

The match ended in a 2-2 draw after extra time. In the other semi-final Everton beat Tottenham Hotspur 4-1 at Elland Road.

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## Mackay rethinks 'no fee' reforms

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor has been forced to rethink his controversial proposals for "no win, no fee" litigation in the face of strong criticism from senior judges who say people will suffer as a result of inflated fees.

The proposals put forward by Lord Mackay of Clashfern form a key plank of the Government's 1990 reforms of the legal profession and allow lawyers to take on cases for no charge. If they win their case, however, the lawyers can charge up to double their normal fee.

The scheme, which will apply to personal injury, insolvency and human rights cases, has been hailed by the Government as increasing access to justice.

The regulations have been subject to lengthy negotiations and were finally due to be laid before Parliament last week. However, the strength of opposition from senior legal figures including Lord Steyn, the law lord, and Lords

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## Wing section falls off jet landing at Gatwick

By HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

PASSENGERS on a Jumbo jet approaching Gatwick Airport watched in horror as a piece of wing was torn off two hours after an engineer flying as a passenger had given the crew a drawing showing that it was loose.

The section of wing flap on the Garuda Indonesia aircraft shattered in its pitons before being torn free to smash into the rear of the fuselage and then fall 500ft to the ground. Two hours previously, passengers had

warned the crew of flight GA 976 from Jakarta that the 20ft by 4ft section of flap was loose as the aircraft took off from Zurich.

The flap was quickly retracted after take-off, so the pilot had no indication that anything was seriously wrong until he extended it to provide additional lift just before landing.

The Boeing 747, with almost 400 passengers, was making its final approach on Saturday when the mid-section of the left flap suddenly broke loose and hit the fuselage, cracking one of the windows. The aluminium

panel landed in a field near Newdigate, Surrey, narrowly missing houses and farm buildings.

One passenger, Andrew Hendry, 20, an economics student, said: "We were delayed for three hours at Zurich with a technical problem. When we did take off for Gatwick many people on the left side could clearly see that part of the wing was flapping around. One man - I think he had some aeronautical knowledge - even drew a picture of exactly where it was and gave it to a member of the crew."

When the flap fell off the aircraft

was temporarily made unstable, but the pilot rapidly brought it under control and made a safe touchdown.

The Department of Transport's air accident investigation branch immediately began an inquiry. Many flaps have fallen off older Boeing 747s in the past: investigators will call for details of all previous incidents and are likely to demand urgent checks on aircraft.

A Garuda official said: "We are not prepared to comment until we have received a detailed report from the investigators or from the CAA [Civil Aviation Authority]."

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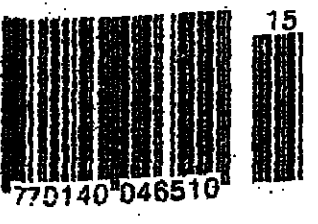
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## Sex claims interrupt MP's jolly in the sun

RICHARD SPRING was on an all-expenses-paid fact-finding visit to the Canary Islands when his government career came to an end.

The MP for the safe Tory seat of Bury St Edmunds had arrived on Friday and was being wined and dined with seven other MPs by the Canary Island regional government when the telephone call came through from the *News of the World*. From the comfort of his £100-a-night hotel in Lanzarote, Mr Spring, 48, a divorced father of two, suddenly found himself fighting to save his political career.

The newspaper reported details of an alleged affair with Odette Nightingale, a Sunday school teacher, and

**Richard Spring was enjoying the hospitality of the Spanish government when the latest sleaze scandal broke, Andrew Pierce writes**

Chris Holmes, her business-man lover.

Ms Nightingale, 30, a divorced mother of two, told the newspaper that she and Mr Holmes, 48, a £120,000-a-year executive at the pension company NPI, had dinner at Mr Spring's house in Victoria, London, last Sunday.

Tory sources said Mr Spring's fate was sealed by the newspaper reporting detailed transcripts of graphic and unflattering remarks at the dinner about colleagues,

including John and Norma Major, and members of the Royal family.

Mr Spring initially denied the allegations. Asked if Ms Nightingale's story was true, he is reported as saying: "I'm saying, well, I'm just telling you, I just don't know. I don't have an answer. I have no words for it."

Constituency officials in Bury St Edmunds mourned the premature demise of a promising government career, although few Tory MPs

expected the South African-educated economist, who became a PPS last October, to progress much further. Mr Spring, a Thatcherite who became an MP in 1992, was given a public endorsement by his constituency party yesterday after an emergency meeting of officers.

Nigel Roman, the local party chairman, said: "He has done the honourable thing by resigning. He has been a gentleman over this."

But Mr Roman refused to accept Mr Spring, who tomorrow flies to Tenerife as part of the trip, could have been so rude about the Prime Minister at his dinner table. "It seems an Englishman's home is no longer his castle. Some of the things attributed

to Richard need investigating." The disclosures caused wry amusement in the prosperous rural constituency where Mr Spring, who had an 18,000 majority, is a popular figure, particularly with the large racing community in Newmarket.

Harry Thompson-Jones, chairman of the Newmarket Trainers' Federation, thought: "Oh dear, oh dear, poor fellow," when he saw the headline. "All I can say is that he did a good job for us with VAT and Sunday racing."

Mr Spring was married to Janie, daughter of Lord Henniker, 79, a Suffolk landowner. The couple divorced about two years ago. Lord Henniker said: "His resignation is a surprise. It seems

very sudden. He is a capable chap." After the divorce he moved into a rented cottage at Risby on the estate of Lady Kay Fisher, who said: "He was very upset when he got divorced but he's an adult and what people do as consenting adults is up to them. It's none of our business. But I must say it's a shock."

Mr Spring, who worked for the Wall Street stockbrokers Merrill Lynch before he became an MP, telephoned Sir Patrick Mayhew at home early yesterday to discuss the disclosures. After discussions with Sir Patrick and the Tory whips he decided to tender his resignation. Sir Patrick accepted it with regret.

Spring resigns, page 1

## Delays in Scott report may hit reshuffle

By NIGEL WILLIAMSON  
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

DELAYS in the publication of the Scott report on the arms-to-Iraq affair could disrupt John Major's plans for a cabinet reshuffle this summer.

Insiders say that although Lord Justice Scott still officially hopes to publish his report in late June, there is a growing possibility that it may not be ready until after the Parliamentary recess in mid-July. Most observers believe that Mr Major would like to make changes in his front-bench team before Parliament rises for the summer and ministers criticised in the report could be dropped in the reshuffle.

Those thought to be most at risk of losing their jobs as a result of Scott's two-year inquiry are Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, and William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister.

Any delay beyond the middle of July would leave Mr Major with the dilemma of whether to press ahead in July and implement ministerial changes he feels he might be forced to make in the wake of Scott's findings or whether to stay his hand until after the report's publication.

There had been fears in some government circles that if Scott misses the mid-July deadline of MPs disappearing for their summer holidays, publication of his report would have to wait until October when the Commons returns. However, officials working with Lord Justice Scott have made it clear that the report will be published as soon as it is ready, even if this means bringing it out in the dog-days of late July or even August. "It won't be left languishing on a shelf for months," one source said.

Despite the problems this would cause for the timing of a government reshuffle, Tory strategists, who are keen to get as much bad news out of the way as quickly as possible, are at least grateful that the report will not be held back until the autumn's party conference season, delaying still further any prospect of a revival in the Government's fortunes.

The latest delays in the report's publication have been caused by the angry response of those criticised in the report, who have been circulating drafts of paragraphs relating to their role. As a result, Lord Justice Scott has had to consider what has, in effect, amounted to a considerable weight of fresh evidence.

Officials at the Ministry of Defence, the Foreign Office and the Department of Trade are believed to have challenged critical passages in the report. Customs and Excise officials have also submitted objections to the draft passages concerning their role and a number of ministers and ex-ministers are further believed to have engaged Lord Justice Scott in renewed correspondence. However, Scott officials have told the Cabinet Office that they are not prepared to countenance further delays by circulating the final report to criticised parties before publication.



Lord Justice Scott: hopes to publish in late June

## Thatcher letter 'helped Mark'

Mark Thatcher used a handwritten note from his mother to further his business career in the mid-Eighties, it was claimed yesterday.

The note, under an official picture of Margaret Thatcher, was addressed to Sheikh Zayed, ruler of Abu Dhabi and president of the United Arab Emirates according to a new book.

The *Mail on Sunday*, which is serialising extracts from *Thatcher's Gold* said that months after Mr Thatcher presented the note, written in November 1980, he helped secure a £300 million Middle East building contract for Cementation International for £3 million in commission.

## Maiden's voyage

A girl aged 8 became the first passenger to board the new cruise liner *Oriana* yesterday. Rachael George, of Muxton, Shropshire, had written to P&O a year ago, asking to be the first guest on the £200 million liner's maiden voyage. She was accompanied by her parents and six-year-old brother, and was welcomed on to the ship by its captain, Commodore Ian Gibb.

## Fatal tummy tuck

A former beauty queen who saved up to have a cosmetic "tummy tuck" operation after mothering four children, died from complications after the operation.

Ros Zappone, 45 from Lancaster, died at the Transform Partnership private clinic in Bowdon, near Altrincham, Cheshire, which said her death was due to "a recognised post-operative surgical complication".

## Prescott denial

John Prescott yesterday vigorously denied reports that a Labour Government would honour any income tax cuts introduced by the Tories before the election. The deputy Labour leader said on GMTV that reports that Tony Blair would not reverse Tory tax cuts had "absolutely no basis whatsoever". He insisted Labour would decide its strategy after the Tories made their proposals.

## Owl sighting

The discovery in bushes near Bude, Cornwall, of a scope owl, normally found no nearer than southern Europe, attracted avid bird-watchers from across Britain yesterday. There have been only 20 recorded sightings in Britain and Ireland since the 1950s of the very small owls, which are brownish-grey in colour with short ear tufts. They are common in Mediterranean countries.

## Jackpot shared

Three ticket-holders are believed to have shared Saturday's National Lottery jackpot of just over £8 million. Each will receive £2.6 million. A total of 37 players who matched five balls plus the bonus number will receive £67,148 each. Another 760 with five winning numbers will receive £2,043 each, and 62,896 with four numbers will receive £54 each.

Lottery numbers, page 22

## Crossword win

The winner of the regional final of The Times Crossword Championship in Glasgow yesterday was Michael Wareham, 55, headmaster of New Park School, St Andrews, who completed the four puzzles in an average time of eight and three quarter minutes. He and second-placed Alistair Fulton, 50, a retired classics teacher, go through to the national final in London on October 1.

## Litigious patients 'are threatening NHS medical care'

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE growth of a "sue for everything" culture in the NHS is threatening the quality of medical care and diverting scarce resources into lawyers' pockets, doctors say.

Compensation for medical negligence is expected to cost the NHS over £125 million this year and claims worth over £1 billion are in the pipeline. About a third is estimated to go direct to lawyers. Although the £1 million-plus settlements get most publicity the vast majority of claims are for sums below £10,000. Patients who 20 years ago accepted a mistake by the doctor as part of the risks of treatment now reach for a writ.

A typical case, according to Dr John Hickey, commercial director of the Medical Protection Society, the doctors' defence body, involves a missed fracture of the wrist affecting a person who earns their living with their hands. A plumber or pianist who suffers loss of earnings as a result might claim up to £10,000.

Cases where a swab or surgical instrument is left inside a patient requiring a further operation would be settled for £25,000-£50,000.

Loss of a leg owing to poor post-operative care could be worth £100,000 or more.

A scheme launched this month by the Health Department, to be run by the Medical Protection Society, is intended to spread the cost of claims by establishing a fund into which NHS trusts pay an annual premium.

Most claims are for under £50,000 and medico-legal experts believe these can be cut by more sensitive handling when things go wrong.

Dr Hickey said: "There is some evidence to show that a solicitor is the last person injured patients turn to. All most want is an explanation of what went wrong. Either they didn't get it or they felt the hospital was covering up and they were driven into the arms of the lawyers."

"Under the Health Department scheme, we will set minimum standards for handling claims to try to stem the rise in costs. There is no evidence medicine is being practised worse now. We are living in a more litigious age."

Claims have doubled in the past four years. They range from 60 to 100 claims per 1,000

doctors but vary widely among specialties. The highest claim rate is against cosmetic surgeons where patients are frequently dissatisfied with the results. The Medical Protection Society's *Casebook* notes: "In cosmetic procedures the scope for dissatisfaction with outcomes is considerable, even where the surgery itself is well performed."

The highest claims are against obstetricians because of the risk of serious damage to the baby when a delivery goes wrong. Fear of litigation has been blamed for the increase in caesareans which have doubled in 15 years.

Lord Howell, the Labour peer, said he had to wait in great discomfort for five hours for a bed at Birmingham's City Hospital for a gall bladder operation. "I don't expect special treatment, but what happened was an absolute disgrace," said the 71-year-old peer who was admitted for his operation on March 29 and released last week.

"I found out that the hospital operates at a bed occupancy of 106 per cent, which is absurd. It makes this kind of thing an inevitable fact."



Surfers Stephen Hudson, left, and Mark Ward swam to the rescue of four adults and a four-year-old boy whose speedboat overturned off Cullercoats, Tyne and Wear, yesterday. Mr Hudson, 29, kept the boy, Mark Mann, from slipping beneath the water by holding him on his surfboard. The group was

## Surfers swim to the rescue

spotted by a police helicopter, which dropped them a life raft. They were in the water for about 20 minutes before being rescued by a lifeboat. All were treated and released

from hospital. Mr Hudson said he had heard cries from the group while out surfing. "I grabbed my board and some small buoyancy aids and paddled out to them. My first thoughts were for the little boy but the rest of them were getting worried after a while because they began to drift with the current."

## Howard to open ID card debate

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is to publish a consultation document outlining options for a voluntary or compulsory national identity card scheme within the next two months. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, will unveil a Green Paper detailing the advantages, disadvantages and costs of an initiative that has the strong backing of the Prime Minister.

Whitehall sources said that because of the political sensitivity of introducing identity cards, the document would be "studiously neutral". Ministers remain unsure of the public's reaction to identity cards and are unwilling to risk pushing for a compulsory system.

Mr Howard is believed to favour a compulsory system but the Home Office wants a full debate on the costs and implications, including whether a person would be liable to a fine for not carrying one.

The Home Secretary told the Conservative Party conference last year: "Bank card, driving licence, social security card, kidney donor card, all in one. In time carrying your ID card would seem as natural as carrying a credit card."

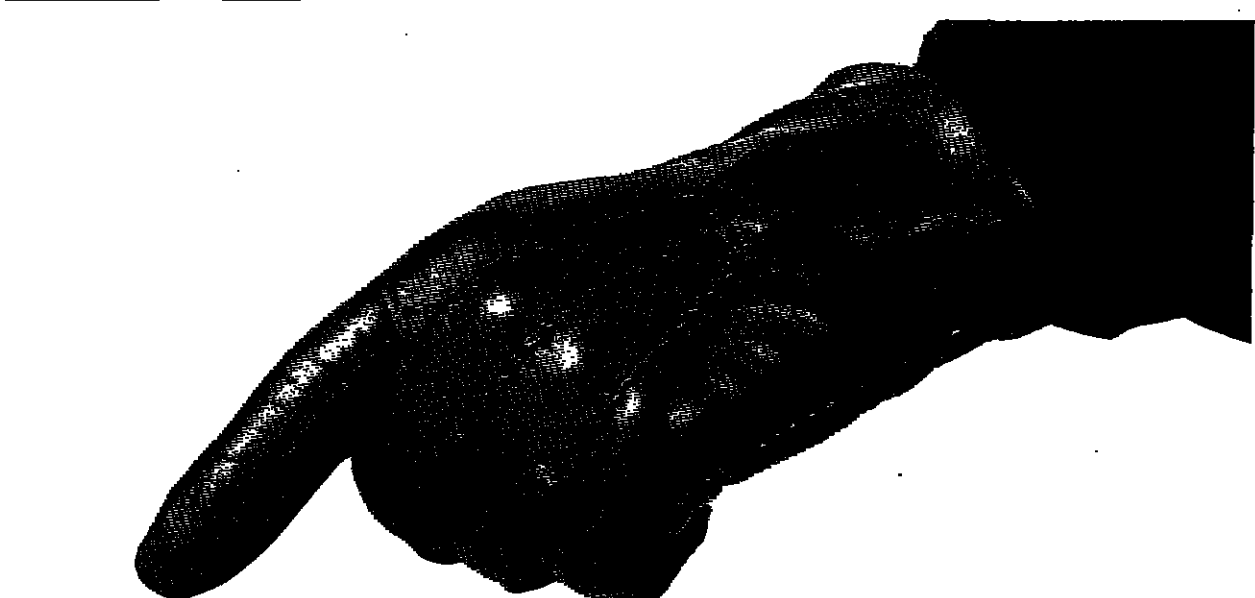
Whitehall sources suggested that the most likely option to win the support of ministers

would be a voluntary system that after a few years could be made compulsory. There are fierce divisions in the Cabinet over proposals. Mr Howard is believed to favour a compulsory scheme but there are doubts among key figures including Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary.

The Home Office has estimated that a compulsory scheme could cost £500-£600 million. It would involve a plastic card containing fingerprints, photograph, date of birth, and would cost £100 million annually to update.

Police are in favour of identity cards because they believe they would help to cut crime but the Association of Chief Police Officers opposes a compulsory scheme, fearing it would damage relations with the public.

Mr Howard has been warned for the second year running about alleged lapses in security at a London jail for high-risk prisoners. The Board of Visitors at Wandsworth Prison has written a second letter to him in spite of receiving an assurance last year that security was satisfactory.



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Stable girl was tipped for the top

## Promising rider trampled to death by bolting horse

By TIM JONES

THE father of a young rider described as a brilliant horsewoman and tipped to become a top event competitor spoke yesterday of his grief after she was trampled to death by a horse she had known and groomed for two years.

Karen Elliott, 18, an only child, was killed as the horse panicked and bolted for a door at stables owned by Rodney Powell, a former badminton winner, as she was fitting it with protective shoes. She was taken from his 20-acre Manor Farm at Bishopstone, Wiltshire, to hospital in Swindon but was certified dead from multiple injuries.

Karen had been marked out as a potential star by Gill Watson, trainer of the British junior showjumping team, and was well known on the local riding circuit. "I noticed her last month when she attended a course at my stables," she said. "She was a

really lovely girl. I had thought to myself that I must look out for her as she showed so much promise."

Philip Elliott said his daughter had been tending a horse she had handled for two years when it kicked her and bolted. "It was a tragic accident. She has always loved horses since she was old enough to see one. She was a sweet and kind girl. We couldn't have had a nicer girl."

Karen and her horse, The Bees Knees III, which was not involved in the incident on Thursday, moved 18 months ago from her family farm at Chilton Trinity, near Bridgwater in Somerset to Manor Farm, where Karen worked as a stable girl. Two weeks ago Karen gained a respectable ninth place at the Stou Easton Horse Trials in Somerset.

A schoolfriend, Emma Bigwood, 18, of Bridgwater,

said: "Karen was an absolutely brilliant horsewoman. She was focused and dedicated and showed real skills and promise. It is an absolute tragedy. Karen and I often used to compete in events together and she always seemed to win every show around."

Mr Powell, 32, who won the 1991 Badminton event, bought the farm with the proceeds of the sale of the horse The Irishman II, on which he rode to victory. He was said last night to be totally shattered by Karen's death and did not want to comment.

His mother, Christine, said: "He is absolutely devastated and none of us can believe this has happened. We all know the risk of competing in events and are in some way prepared for injury but then this is so hard to take in. She was such a very talented girl and had everything going for her."

Karen's skills were attracting increasing attention within the showjumping world. Jo Selbourne, a neighbour, said: "It is terrible. Karen was a lovely girl. She was quiet, a very gentle and sweet person. It wasn't her own horse that killed her. It was somebody else's but I don't know whose it was."

Karen's mother, Sally, is well known in the Bridgwater riding circuit and founded the Chilton Trinity horse show, an annual competition for promising young riders.

A woman at Manor Farm yesterday refused to name the owner of the horse involved in the accident. She said: "Rodney is much too shocked to speak at the moment but will say something tomorrow."



Karen Elliott and her employer, the badminton winner Rodney Powell, said to be shattered



Before and after: WPC Lynn Butler as mother and, half an hour later, as vulnerable grandmother

## Officers use old trick to trap muggers

By STEWART TENDLER

THE frail old lady struggling with a shopping bag on the streets of Birmingham may look like an easy target for muggers, but any assailant could be under arrest in seconds.

West Midlands police, faced with rising crime, has put two women police officers, disguised with the help of a theatrical make-up artist as pensioners, onto the streets. A third Asian officer is playing the role of an Indian housewife, a favourite target for gold jewellery.

Police are using the decoys in Handsworth sub-division, the scene of rioting in the 1980s. The area covers Loddles, Newtown, Hockley, Perry Barr and Great Barr. Reported cases of robbery and assault with intent to rob rose by 300 per cent to more than 1,000 last year. Thefts



Clare Freeman puts years on WPC Butler

from the person have also gone up three-fold.

Mugging victims have been injured, some seriously, because they try to hang on to their belongings and are dragged to the ground. In January, an 85-year-old

woman had her bag snatched in Handsworth in the early afternoon and broke her pelvis, arm and leg after being pulled down.

WPC Lynn Butler, 36, her colleagues, WPC Lynn Dowling, 33, and probationary

WPC Rashid Patel, 23, have been told to offer no resistance if attacked. Undercover officers waiting nearby will be ready to move in if the trap is sprung.

WPC Butler's half-hour transformation from mother of two to elderly grandmother is the work of Clare Freeman, Birmingham Repertory Theatre's wig mistress. WPC Butler said: "I realise I could be in some danger. But the operations are meticulously planned. I know fellow officers are watching me every second and are only yards away if things go wrong. I know the fear many women have of being attacked in the street."

Detective Sergeant Andy Hough, who is co-ordinating the police operation against street crime, said: "The aim is to catch street criminals in the act. But we also hope there will be a deterrent effect."

## Murder trail leads police to Spain

By PAUL WILKINSON

DETECTIVES trying to identify a woman whose body was found in a remote country lane on Thursday are hoping to trace a widowed teacher thought to be holidaying in Spain.

Friends of Val Tarbitt, a PE teacher in Leeds, alerted police after hearing a description of the murder victim, who was found by farm workers near Middleton-on-the-Wolds, Humberside. She had died from a series of blows to the head, possibly 48 hours earlier, and then been tied in a bedspread and left on the verge.

Humberside police have asked Interpol to check Mrs Tarbitt's Spanish villa, where she and a work colleague are supposed to be spending a two-week holiday. She has not been heard from since leaving her home on April 1 and is not due back until Saturday.

Inspector Mike Cray said yesterday: "We are fairly certain the teacher is not our murder victim, but we are still attempting to make contact with her in Spain so we can be 100 per cent sure."

Neighbours at Boston Spa, near Leeds, also expressed doubt that Mrs Tarbitt was the victim, saying that her hair was grey and not blonde like the dead woman's.

Details of the victim have been circulated to police forces around the country. She weighed eight stone, six pounds and was 5ft 9in tall. Dental checks are also being made. The dead woman was wearing designer-label clothing, including a double-breasted waist-length blue, black and grey tartan jacket, a man's green lambswool sweater, green skirt, black tights and black underwear. She had worn a wedding ring in the past and had gold, pearl-type earrings.

## 17 arrested at cockfight ring

By HELEN JOHNSTONE

SEVENTEEN men were arrested yesterday when police and RSPCA officers raided an illegal cockfighting ring while a fight was in progress. Seven dead birds and a decomposing rooster were found along with a number of live birds wearing fighting spurs.

The RSPCA said the raid, the second in less than a month, was only the fifth in 50 years. It was believed to have been the result of a tip-off.

Two boys aged 8 and 15 were among those taken away by police after the raid on a shed at a local authority travellers' site at Erith, southeast London. Thirty police officers, including dog handlers and a helicopter, joined RSPCA officers in the operation. Tim Wass, an RSPCA chief inspector, said a fight was in progress when the officers struck at 11.30am yesterday.

"Two birds, both in peak condition, were in the pit with sharp metal spurs attached to their feet," he said. "About 40 birds were seized in total. Seven were dead."

He said it was hard to believe that such barbaric activities were still going on. "The sight of birds being ripped to shreds is one that I know will stay with the officers involved for a long time to come," he said. "The success of the operation is largely due to excellent liaison between the RSPCA and police."

arrested men were released on bail last night pending further inquiries. Charges are expected to follow.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said the raid was a result of a warrant under the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act although prosecution was being handled by the RSPCA under laws protecting animals and banning cockfighting.

The previous raid, three weeks ago on a wooden shed on allotments in the former mining community of Kelloe, Co Durham, was said by the RSPCA to be the first on a cockfighting den for ten years. Six people were arrested and 14 dead cockerels sent to a vet for detailed examination. Forty live birds were also recovered, together with equipment including spurs, a weighing machine and a board listing birds' names, weights and betting odds.

Mr Wass said that the barbaric blood sport still attracted a regular following despite being outlawed 150 years ago.

The RSPCA, which has set up a special eight-man operations unit, believes cockfighting goes on somewhere every weekend. Ian Green, an inspector attached to the unit, said recently: "It's a nationwide activity and I don't think it will ever be stamped out. You can have all the legislation you like but you've got to enforce it."

## Boy may have been abducted

By HELEN JOHNSTONE

POLICE have mounted an extensive search for a 12-year-old boy who is thought to have been abducted by a man while he earned pocket money clearing leaves in the car park of a public house.

Detectives in Warrington last night expressed concern for the safety of Christopher Fleming, who was believed to have been snatched by a man seen chatting to him before he disappeared. Christopher had been dropped off at the Bewsey Hall Farm Hotel at Old Hall, near his home in Warrington, by his father on Friday afternoon.

His parents reported him missing early on Saturday morning when he failed to return home. Police have since spoken to his friends and

relatives. A school friend told police that he saw Christopher talking to a man outside the pub and had heard mention of a trip to the seaside.

Cheshire Police said: "Christopher's family are very distraught. It is possible that Christopher has gone to the coast. They know of no reason why he should want to leave his family and we are very concerned for his safety."

A member of staff at the hotel said: "Chris had been helping to keep the car park tidy on Friday afternoons for some time. He is a nice young lad. His dad is a customer."

James and Andrea Fleming, Christopher's parents, were too upset to talk about the incident. Cheshire Police are expected to hold a press conference today and are appealing to the public to report any sightings of the boy.

He is described as 5ft tall, slim, with an olive complexion, brown eyes and brown, crew-cut hair. He was wearing a Liverpool Football Club away shirt - yellow with black stripes - with the number 10 and the name Barnes on the back. Police said the man he was seen talking to was in his late forties, about 5ft 10in, balding but with greying hair at the sides. He had blue eyes and bushy eyebrows.

Anyone with information should call the police incident room on 01925 63222.



Christopher Fleming

## NFT honours a celluloid disaster

By JOE JOSEPH

WHILE Hollywood may warn only to celebrity and success, Britain is showing that it still has time for the much underdog by celebrating the much ridiculed career of the man widely cited as the world's worst film director.

A three-week season of dirt movies made by Ed Wood Jr - whose long, low-budget adventures in Hollywood have just been turned, ironically, into an Oscar-winning film - is to be screened next month by the National Film Theatre in London.

Most film reference books describe Wood, who died in 1978, as inept. Those are the polite critics. Ephraim Katz, the respected author of Macmillan's *Film Encyclopedia*, says Wood is widely regarded as the worst director of all time. "Producing, writing and directing films with abysmal casts and ludicrously cheap production values, he has paradoxically gained a loyal cult following."

Wood's specialty was B-pictures with turn-off titles and scripts that chimpanzees would be ashamed of. Many of his

films starred his Transylvanian friend Bela Lugosi, who grew so eccentric he was buried in a Dracula outfit.

Lugosi was the big-name draw in Wood's film *Plan 9 From Outer Space*: at least he was until he died shortly after filming began. Lugosi's part in front of the camera was taken by Wood's wife's chiropractor - a gallant gesture but the chiropractor bore no resemblance to the creepy Lugosi. *Plan 9 From Outer Space* is frequently cited as the worst film of all time.

Lugosi also starred in *Bride of the Monster*, made in 1953 in which he fights it out with an obvious prop octopus. The advertising slogan ran: "It'll make your skin crawl, though it might have added 'and your sides split'."

The season includes *Orgy of the Dead*, *Jail Bait*, *Night of the Ghoulia*, and *Glen or Glenda*, about a sex change case. Wood was reputedly a transvestite.

Wood's cinematic coffin was sealed when Michael Medved's 1980 Golden Turkey Awards named him as the "worst

director of all time". But the NFT, generously trumpeting the director's "individualistic vision and fearless optimism", believes that Wood may have moved into the so-bad-he's-good category.

The scriptwriter Dick Fiddy, who has marshalled the Wood programme for the NFT, said: "This is an ideal time for us to reassess Wood's career and to look at his films in a new light. The renowned wooden acting, wobbly sets, baffling monologues and bizarre plot swerves still provide hilarious moments. But now knowing more about the man and the stories behind the making of the movies there is an unexpected poignancy to the viewings."

Wood's career, if maybe not his reputation, has been revived by Tim Burton, drawn to this Hollywood curiosity by his own taste for tongue-in-cheek Gothic. In his new movie *Ed Wood*, the film stars Patricia Arquette, Bill Murray and Johnny Depp in the title role. Martin Landau won an Oscar for playing Bela Lugosi.

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'Gump culture undermines education'

## Blunkett condemns invasion of the American dummies

By JOHN O'LEARY  
EDUCATION EDITOR

BRITAIN is in danger of importing the values of the "dumb-dumb society" from America, David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, warned head teachers yesterday.

The success of films like *Dumb and Dumber* and the Oscar-winning *Forrest Gump*, in which a simpleton becomes a national hero, threatened to undo the work of schools, Mr Blunkett told the Secondary Heads Association. An anti-intellectual culture had to be nipped in the bud before it took hold.

Addressing the association's annual conference at Warwick University, Mr Blunkett said: "We haven't reached the stage that the United States appears to be moving into, where being a dummy is something that you get praised for. I think that if films portray it and television and radio pick it up, we are in every danger of undermining the efforts that you are making."

Mr Blunkett said the British tendency to absorb American youth culture placed added responsibilities on cable and satellite television operators. "Perhaps the big challenge is to be able to use the technology and the access to information in a way that is beneficial and that does not end up, as so often at the moment, with kids playing meaningless games."

John Sutton, the association's general secretary, said he saw no immediate threat from American attitudes.



Tom Hanks as Gump, a national hero

However, he welcomed Mr Blunkett's pledge to seek a commitment to a "decade of investment" in education under Labour.

The Shadow Education Secretary told head teachers that he hoped the Government would restore some of this year's cuts in school budgets. "I do not want to inherit a mess, with even worse underfunding. I hope we will come in on an upsurge of motivation, feeling that we are going somewhere."

Mr Blunkett warned delegates that funding levels could not be restored immediately. "Retrospective catching up is going to be an almost impossible task. We have to look at how we can recommit ourselves to a decade of investment, a ten-year programme of planned improvement to introduce some stability and security into schools." The

association will stress the impact of this year's budget settlement to Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, when she addresses the conference today. Peter Downes, the Secondary Heads Association's president, said many schools did not have the option of increasing the size of classes because classrooms and laboratories could not safely accommodate more pupils.

John Dunford, head teacher of Durham Johnston School, in Durham, said the funding squeeze would lead to more long-term illness among staff as class sizes and teaching hours increased. But he appealed to unions not to react with industrial action. "It would be most unfortunate if, at a time when parents, teachers and governors have worked more closely together than ever, anything was to drive a wedge between them."



Ramiz Hadzimiratovic arriving in Britain with Medina in August 1993

## Irma's father fears he may be ordered to leave Britain

By MICHAEL EVANS

THE father of Irma Hadzimiratovic, the seven-year-old Bosnian girl who died earlier this month in a London hospital from wounds suffered during the war in the former Yugoslavia, fears he and his remaining daughter may be deported.

The Home Office refused last night to say whether Ramiz Hadzimiratovic would be allowed to stay in the country. He came to Britain with Irma in August 1993 so that she could be given emergency medical treatment after being injured in a mortar attack in Sarajevo, in which her mother, Elvira, died.

Mr Hadzimiratovic, 37, was granted leave to stay in Britain while Irma, paralysed from the neck down, was nursed at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children. He has been living in London with his other daughter, Medina, four.

Irma died on April 1 after contracting a blood infection and her father's case is now being reviewed for a possible

extension. Although he has relatives in Bosnia, he says he wants to stay in this country.

Mr Hadzimiratovic is seeking an interview with Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to discuss his future. A friend was quoted as saying: "He wants to stay in Britain. Medina's first language is now English and he has reconstructed a new life here. The fact that Irma is buried in Britain is also a consideration."

The Home Office declined to comment about an individual case, but an official emphasised that it was government policy not to return nationals from the former Yugoslavia to a war zone.

Irma's case led to a worldwide relief effort to rescue wounded children from Bosnia. About 6,000 nationals from the former Yugoslavia have applied for asylum in Britain and the Home Office is examining their cases. Nearly 2,000 are regarded as being particularly vulnerable.

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## Reforms planned for school sports

By JOHN O'LEARY

STATE schools would be required to publish information on their annual review of sports plans being championed by the Sports Minister.

A White Paper, expected in June, will give substance to the Prime Minister's commitment to boost school sport. A new generation of specialist sport colleges is among the proposals under consideration.

The requirement to publish more information on school sport is seen as a way of bringing parental pressure to bear on schools that have

reduced their levels of sporting activity in recent years. Ministers believe that schools will have to compete to attract pupils as comparisons become easier to make.

A recent survey by the Secondary Heads Association and the Sports Council showed that the time given to school sport had slumped over the past eight years. Only a quarter of schools now offer the two hours a week that the White Paper will recommend.

Under the plans being considered by Stephen Dorrell, the National Heritage Secretary, schools would have to detail the achievements of representative teams and qualifications of staff, as well as giving an account of their facilities.

At present, schools are obliged to include examination and attendance statistics in annual reports, as well as outlining a range of policies and giving financial information.

The Education Department, which has reacted to Mr Major's promise to place sport "at the heart of school life" by extending the requirement for team games in the national curriculum, confirmed that new measures were being considered. But a spokesman for the department said there were no plans to include sport in the league table information published by the Government.

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## Sioux seek return of sacred shirt

SIoux tribesmen gathered in Glasgow yesterday seeking the return of one of their most venerated relics, which has spent more than a century in a museum in the city.

Negotiations are expected to last several days over a cotton shirt taken from the body of a dead warrior at the Battle of Wounded Knee in 1890. Lakota Sioux Indians say the shirt has huge cultural and emotional significance.

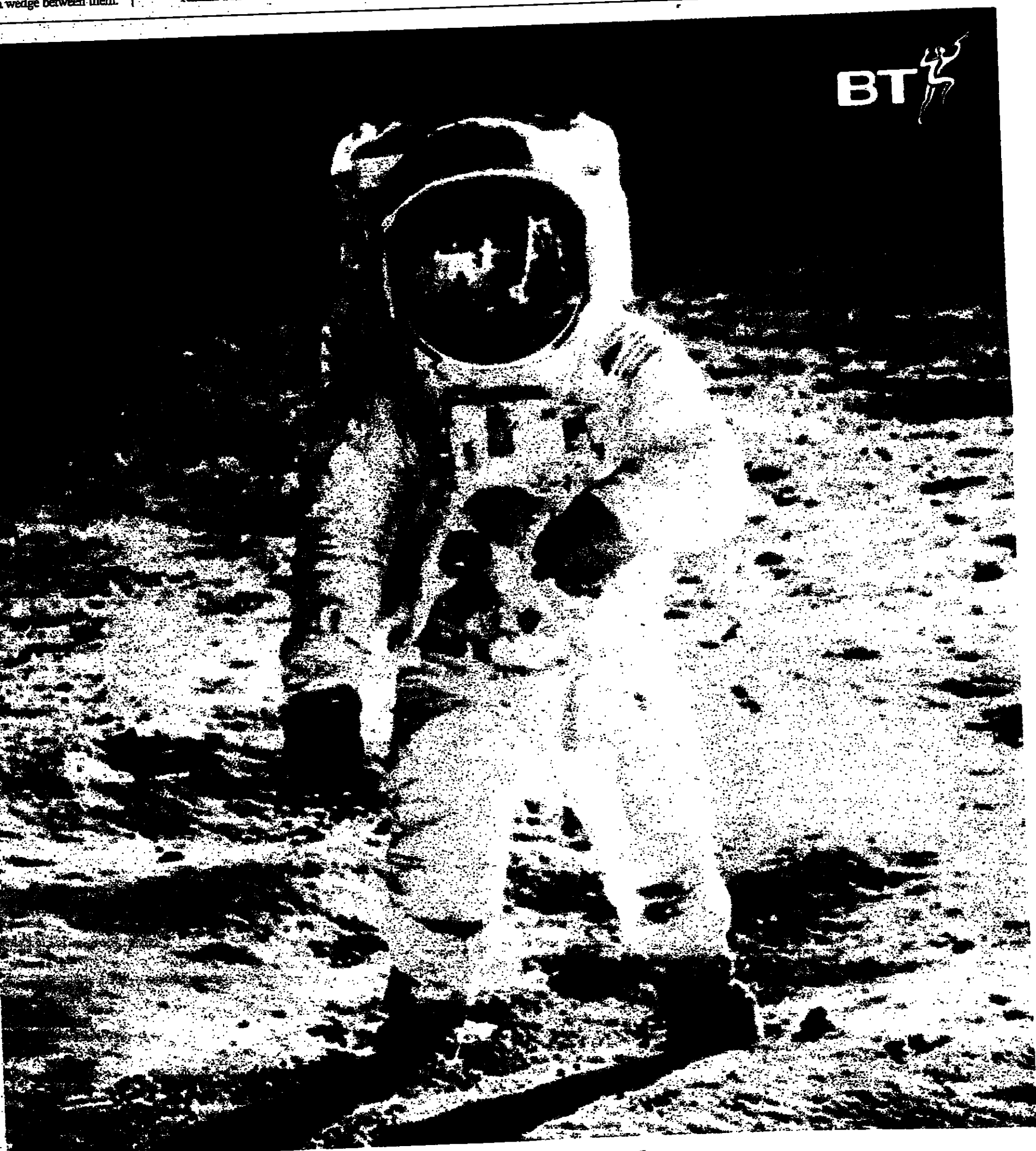
It was a Ghost Shirt worn by followers of the Ghost Dance cult, who believed the shirt and ritual would bring back their native lands and buffalo, and provide immunity to enemy bullets. It arrived in Glasgow in 1891 with Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West travelling show, and was given to the city's museums the following year. Since then it has been in Glasgow's Kelvingrove Museum.

Two years ago it was briefly loaned out to another museum in the city where it was seen by John Earl, an Ameri-

can visitor of Cherokee descent. On his return to the United States he told the Wounded Knee Survivors Association of his discovery. That launched a round of long-distance negotiations, culminating in the talks that began yesterday.

Mark O'Neill, senior history curator for Glasgow museums, said: "It is a very difficult issue for us. It could be seen as a precedent that could open up a lot of our collection to other claims for repatriation. So we have to make sure that this is a unique case, or that it is different from more generalised claims."

Although some Ghost Shirts have survived, Glasgow's is the only one in Britain and the only one reputedly taken from a body at Wounded Knee. The Battle of Wounded Knee is viewed by Indians as a massacre for a massacre of more than 200 men, women and children by the American 7th Cavalry.



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Anglican evangelicals threaten to defect

# Church split by campaign to ordain homosexuals

By RUTH GLEDHILL  
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A CAMPAIGN to promote the ordination of lesbians and gay men in the Church of England is to be launched next month. The move could provoke further defections from a Church already divided over women priests. Influential evangelicals are threatening to withhold funds and create a "church within a church" because of what they believe to be an over-liberal stance by bishops on the issue of gay clergy.

At the launch of Action for Gay and Lesbian Ordination in the 17th-century Wren church of St James Piccadilly, central London, the movement's two lay Anglican founders, Rachel Carr and Tim Robertson, will demand that gays and lesbians be treated the same as heterosexuals by the Church. They hope to do for gay and lesbians what the Movement for the Ordination of Women did for women priests. The campaign



Higton: clean-up call

has been launched following the admission of a retired Anglican bishop that he was a homosexual, and after the pressure group OutRage! provoked the Bishop of London, Dr David Hope, into confessing he was "ambiguous" about his sexuality.

## Cathedral is monumental job for the double-glazers

By LIN JENKINS

SALISBURY Cathedral is to have its aged leaded windows double-glazed with the help of high technology and the French. More than 700 years of weathering, pollution and general deterioration has left the coloured glass at risk of gradual disintegration.

The cathedral, often said to be one of the finest medieval buildings in Europe, inspired Constable and Turner.

Pioneering methods to monitor conditions inside the cathedral, which dates from 1258, are being employed to avoid using a system that could further jeopardise the stability of the glass.

Humidity and temperature throughout the magnificent building will be monitored for 18 months. Sensors have been placed in 40 places and will take readings every five minutes. The data collected from

the probes will be collated by English Heritage and its French counterpart, Monuments Historiques, in Paris, which has wide experience of protecting windows in its own cathedrals. Part of the equipment includes a telephone system, placed high in the southeast transept by BT, which will transmit the statistics to Paris.

The cathedral, which was conceived by the architect Elias de Derham and took 38 years to build, has been used before as a test-bed for preservation techniques. In 1966 a new central heating system was tried out at Salisbury.

English Heritage said: "The work going on over the next 18 months will test for temperature and humidity levels that the medieval stained glass is exposed to, because the glass

is getting very fragile and there needs to be found a way to create a new weather shield which can take the force of the wind and rain. We do not want to introduce something which sets up a micro-climate between the glass and double-glazing, because that will eat the paint."

Ways to fix the double-glazing to the 7ft thick walls without harming restoration work already carried out by craftsmen will also have to be found.

Canterbury, Lincoln and York cathedrals already have a form of iso-thermal glazing, but engineers want to ensure it is fitted to best effect at Salisbury. Preservation efforts at Salisbury Cathedral in recent years have concentrated on the spire.

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an and Gay Christian Movement, the leaders of the campaign say the bishop's statement that gay men and lesbians should abstain from sex if they are ordained "forces gay priests and their partners into lies".

They argue: "It denies the godliness of same-sex relationships. The Church needs to hear the voice of Anglicans — lay and ordained, gay and heterosexual — who believe the bishop's policy is hypocritical and unjust."

Richard Karker, of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, said the new group was linked to the LGCM but had the "specific intention of focusing on one issue and nothing else. They will be campaigning for ordination with an Anglican context only."

The launch of the group is certain to increase pressure on the Church's bishops from both sides of a debate which is becoming increasingly acrimonious. The evangelical pressure group Reform, which asserts the authority and sufficiency of the Bible, has

warned it could be prepared to go its own way if bishops give in to pressure to ordain gays. The Rev Philip Hacking, chairman of Reform, which represents about 1,000 evangelical clergy and laity, warned: "If the bishops liberalise their stance to the extent of authorising practising homosexual clergy, they will divide the Church down the middle. There will be a lot of people, not just members of Reform, who will take that as meaning that they can no longer with integrity remain in the church."

"We are waiting for the bishops to state clearly that they won't go down that road. People campaigning for gay and lesbian ordination believe that now is the time to strike, and that the bishops are willing to consider their proposal. I hope that is not true."

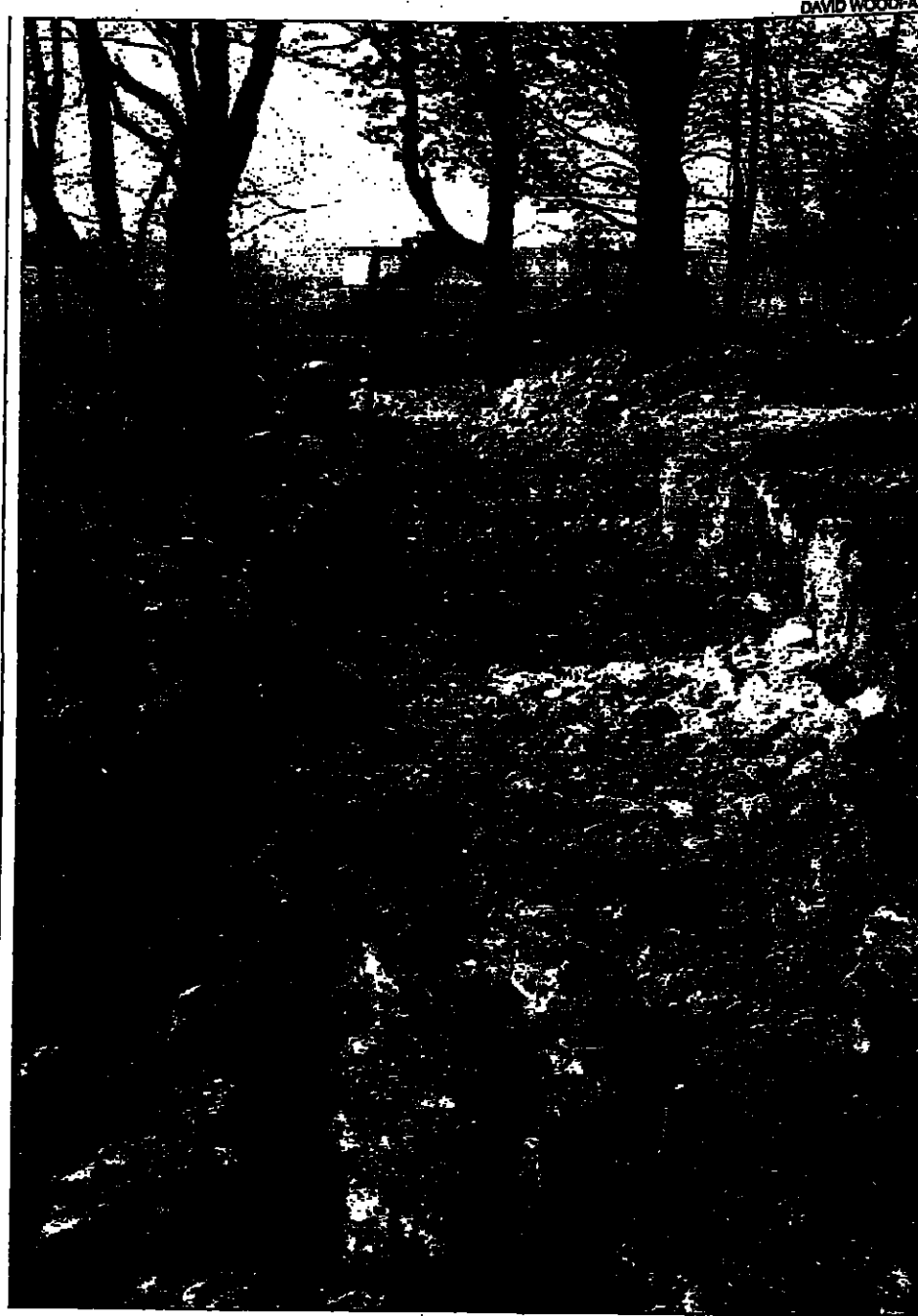
One leading evangelical, the Rev Tony Higon, an Essex rector and founder of Action for Biblical Witness to our Nation, called on the Bishop of London to "clean up" St James Piccadilly before the launch of Action for Gay and Lesbian Ordination. In his latest newsletter, he accuses bishops of abandoning their faith by justifying "homosexual practice".

He said last night: "I am not surprised to hear about the launch of this new campaign. We all knew that once the issue of women priests was settled, this would be next on the agenda. We are clearly being sold out by some of our evangelical bishops."

Mr Higon said: "St James Piccadilly hosts all sorts of New Age activities as well. Lots of things go on there which are contrary to the Christian faith. It is about time the Bishop of London cleaned up St James. It seems to be allowed to do whatever it wishes, in flagrant breach of what the Church stands for."

St James Piccadilly, damaged in the Second World War and restored, can hold a congregation of 2,000 and has a font by Grinling Gibbons with the tree of knowledge as the stem.

The Rev Donald Reeves, rector of the church, was not available for comment.



Damaged pavements: demand is stripping bare this Limestone seam at Silverdale

## Gardeners blamed for limestone 'desecration'

By NIGEL HAWKES  
SCIENCE EDITOR

THE countryside is being plundered of rare and irreplaceable rock to beautify rock gardens, in spite of legislation to prevent the practice.

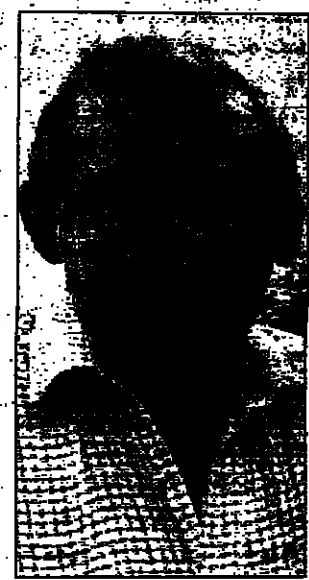
The limestone of Cumbria, Lancashire and the Yorkshire Dales is prized by gardeners because of its weather-beaten surface, criss-crossed by channels made by rain. However, less than 2,500 hectares of these limestone pavements remain, and only 3 per cent are still undamaged.

The Wildlife Trusts is to launch a campaign to preserve the pavements before they are all destroyed. "There is so little around, it really does need protecting," Heather Bingley, of the Cumbria Wildlife Trust, said. The campaign aims to alert gardeners to the issue and to seek a change in the law so that permission to quarry limestone can be revoked.

The pavements were created when the rock was laid bare by glaciers 10,000 years ago. Then rain shaped the exposed rock into smoothly-curved boulders, separated by deep channels and crossed by shallower gutters.

The stones look good in rockeries, and have recently featured at the Chelsea Flower Show and a BBC series, *More Front Gardens*. Yet the stone is rare and endangered. "If there was a list for endangered species of the rock world, limestone pavement would be at the top of it, ahead even of the rarest fossils or minerals," Eric Robinson, vice-president of the Geologists' Association, said.

Geoff Hamilton, presenter of BBC's *Gardeners' World*, agrees. "It's nonsense for us gardeners to be prepared to destroy the countryside just to pretty-up our gardens," he said. "And yet we have to accept responsibility for the desecration of the Lake District, which is being stripped



Hamilton: gardens plea

of its valuable limestone, for use in our rockeries."

Geologists are not certain exactly how the limestone pavements were created, but it involved intense rainfall to dissolve the limestone, and scraping by ice sheets. "There is no way back for limestone pavement once it has been damaged," writes Eric Robinson in *Natural World*, the Wildlife Trusts' magazine. "Regeneration is beyond our capabilities as nature is now operating in quite a different mode."

Most of the pavement is being destroyed perfectly legally, under planning permissions granted decades ago. The 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act provided for Limestone Pavement Orders to protect them, but these orders cannot override earlier planning permissions.

At Orton, 15 miles north-east of Kendal, an open area of pavement is being stripped, quite legally. Eden District Council and Cumbria County Council have tried to stop the extraction but to do so would

involve paying compensation, which they cannot afford. Similar legal extraction is going on in areas of outstanding natural beauty at Arncliffe and Silverdale, in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

There is also some illegal extraction, said Heather Bingley, with 14 reported incidents in the past three years. She is equally worried about pavements in Ireland, exposed to greater pressure as a result of the efforts to protect rock in Britain.

The maximum fine for illegal extraction is £5,000 but the law is difficult to enforce. In a recent case a man was accused of theft rather than breach of the Limestone Pavement Orders and was fined £100, even though the stone is worth up to £20 a ton.

"The pavements have created their own unique eco-systems, with tiny trees struggling to grow, bon-sai-style, in the channels. Ash, hawthorn, blackthorn and yew may be a century old, but only a few feet high. The pavements also provide a setting for ferns, butterflies and rare orchids such as the lady's slipper, whose extinction in Cumbria is blamed on the removal of the pavements."

Heather Bingley said that gardeners who wanted to support the campaign should never buy water-worn limestone, or that described as Westmoreland or Cumbrian stone, and should complain if they see it being sold or used by local authorities.

Peter Bullard, director of Cumbria Wildlife Trust, said: "The use of this stone should become as unacceptable to the public as wearing leopard-skin coats or ivory jewellery."

Ultimately, Heather Bingley suggests, it is a matter of money. "We have to be able to compensate people who have planning permission to extract limestone. At the moment, there simply isn't the money to do that."

## Fewer women having children

A fifth of Britain's young women are not expected to have children. The figures, published today in a Family Policy Studies Centre bulletin, forecast that 20 per cent of women born in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s will remain childless.

If the estimate proves accurate, twice as many women in their twenties and thirties will remain without offspring as women now in their fifties. The Bulletin suggests that couples may be deciding they cannot afford children because of the lack of support given to families with children. The cost to women in loss of earnings is also thought to be a factor.

## Ramblers' plea

The Ramblers' Association unanimously passed a motion calling on the Queen to allow public right of way across Windsor Castle land. The association wants the path to become part of the Thames Path National Trail, to be opened next year.

## Cyprus trial

The trial of three British soldiers accused of killing a Danish woman in Cyprus may be re-started because one of the judges has been promoted. The men, in prison in Nicosia since September, are said to have fought and may be kept apart.

## Climber dead

A climber missing in the Lake District has been found dead. William Welsh, 58, of Fife, is believed to have died in a fall near Haweswater. A climber who died on Cader Idris, Gwynedd, on Friday, has been named as John Losh, 23, of Llanwrda.

## Indecent adverts

The Advertising Standards Authority has received more than 1,700 complaints about allegedly indecent adverts last year and upheld 697. The rise since 1993, a figure of 427 complaints was blamed on people being keener to air their objections.

## Gardens reopen

Some 20 acres of partially restored 18th century woodland gardens at Powderham Castle on the River Exe in Devon, which were allowed to run wild after they were abandoned in 1910, were opened to the public for the first time yesterday.

## Murder reward

Cheryl Toome, whose fiancé was jailed last week for murdering her parents, is offering £25,000 for information on the killings. She plans to use her £150,000 inheritance in a campaign to free Jonathan Jones, whom she believes to be innocent.

## Chased biker dies

A 30-year-old motorcyclist was killed and his 20-year-old female pillion passenger seriously injured when their Honda tri a kerb while being chased by a police patrol car in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. The Police Complaints Authority will investigate.

## Naafi brew

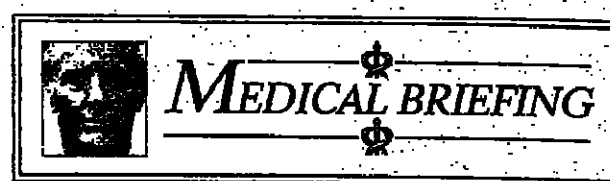
Commemorative packs of Naafi tea are to be sold in supermarkets to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. The drink, which was regarded as a lifeline for British troops, is still drunk by the military and their families.

## Why spring ends in tears and sneezes

IF THE Prime Minister's wife is looking red-eyed this week it may not be only because of tears shed in Downing Street for the rejected Scottish Conservative councillors. One in ten people in Norma Major's age group suffers, as she does, from hay fever.

This year the mild winter has resulted in an early spring and a great display of spring flowers, inevitably laden with pollen capable of causing running eyes and noses, bouts of sneezing and nasal congestion with consequent disturbed sleep and snoring.

Hay fever has a short history. If the Georgians were damp-eyed and runny-nosed the cause was probably not an allergy to pollen or the spores of moulds. There is no written account of hay fever, or of symptoms that might be attributed to it, in the 18th and early 19th century. It was first described as a medical condition in 1819, when it was



considered a rarity. Hay fever increased in incidence throughout the 19th century but its cause was identified only in 1873. Over the past hundred years it has become an almost world-wide problem. There was none, for instance, in Japan until 1900.

In Britain the number of patients with hay fever continues to grow. In Mrs Major's generation, 10 per cent are affected; in her children's, it is between 20 and 25 per cent, although some of those may outgrow it.

Some patients are allergic to only one type of pollen or fungal spore. Others may react to many different types of pollen, which can be derived from trees and weeds as

well as grasses. Over 20 different moulds commonly cause hay fever in Britain.

There are national variations. In northern Europe grass pollen is the most important cause, and hence Steffi Graf, another prominent hay-fever victim, is most troubled by it at the time of the French Open. In Spain, olive pollen causes most difficulties and in Scandinavia it is birch pollen.

Avoiding hay-fever seasons is not an option for most people. The knowledge that the Caribbean should not be visited between October and March, and Florida between April and October is not of great interest to many. Sufferers may take long-ho-

ing anti-histamines such as Claritin, Hismanal, or Zirtek, those, unlike the older preparations, cause only minimal sleepiness and sedation, and in some cases are free of that side-effect. Alternatively they may use nasal sprays, which cause no sedation and therefore do not interfere with driving, using machinery, or mental concentration. Because it is probably the best known, but it has the disadvantage, as most do, of having to be used twice a day, the patient takes two sniffs in each nostril night and morning.

A new nasal spray, Fluticasone, has recently been introduced. It, like Becosane, is made by Allen & Hanbury, but has advantages over the older preparation. It smells rather better, is more effective and most patients need to use it only once a day.

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Lord Chancellor rejects positive discrimination but pledges to dismantle the old boy network

## Mackay modernises judicial selection to encourage women

By FRANCES GIBB  
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MORE advertising of judicial appointments and the introduction of modern selection methods have been announced by the Lord Chancellor. Their purpose is to bring more women on to the bench and tackle criticisms that judges emerge from "the old boy network".

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, addressing "The Woman Lawyer: Benefit or Burden?", a weekend conference in London of 300 lawyers, said he wanted to bring in reforms that created a modern appointments system, which is open to all who are qualified and wish to put themselves forward.

In particular, the reforms would help to increase the number of women. Lord Mackay said: "I am fully committed to the principle of equality of opportunity for all suitably qualified applicants to judicial office," he told the

How women are outnumbered by men in judicial appointments (figures at March 1 1994):

Lords of Appeal in Ordinary (law lords): men 12, women 6; Lord Justices of Appeal: 31-4; High Court judges: 88-6; circuit judges: 486-30; recorders: 853-53; assistant recorders: 297-52; district judges: 273-28; deputy district judges: 632-84.

conference, organised by the Bar and Law Society and sponsored by The Times.

Lord Mackay said his cardinal principle in choosing judges under any procedure was to appoint on merit. "I will not positively discriminate in favour of any groups and I consider it would be wrong to set quotas for the number of women. But I am prepared to take affirmative action to ensure that all ap-

licants or potential applicants are given appropriate encouragement and treated fairly on their merits."

The new process, which has already started for circuit and district bench posts, would be extended to all full and part-time posts below the High Court bench, Lord Mackay said. It would start with advertisements, the sending of job descriptions and selection criteria to applicants, and the holding of interviews by a panel of a judge, official and lay person.

Confidential soundings on candidates would still be taken within the profession. Lord Mackay said he was aware of accusations that such soundings were liable to be biased against women, but that view did "less than justice" to those who were consulted. He also held as an important principle that no one person's views, however eminent, should determine the outcome of his decision in any case.

His reformed selection pro-



Cherie Booth, who called for equal treatment, and Anesta Weekes, whose male white counterparts tell her she would be granted silk "because I am black and a woman"



cedures have already started and the first advertisements for district and circuit bench posts were placed last year.

Lord Mackay said on Saturday that he now wanted to tackle the imbalance between applications and appointment for the post of assistant recorder, the key first step on the judicial ladder.

There were usually significantly more well-qualified candidates than there are va-

cancies to be filled at almost every level. The number of applications for assistant recordership received in 1990 was about 100 against 280 in 1993, he said. "There are now approximately 1,100 applications for assistant recordership on the books. I expect to make only approximately 60 appointments this year — just over 5 per cent of those in the pending tray." He wanted now to move to "time-

limited" competitions so that candidates would be told the outcome of their applications within a defined time and not have their applications sitting in the pending tray for years.

He pointed out that one of the most significant increases in the numbers of women had taken place at this level. The number of women assistant recorders had risen from 10 per cent at the end of 1992 to 16 per cent at the end of last year.

## Trials of mixing family and career

CHERIE BOOTH is expected to be appointed Queen's Counsel this Monday Thursday when the Lord Chancellor announces the 70-plus names who have made it this year to the senior ranks of the legal profession (Frances Gibb writes).

The wife of the Labour leader, a successful barrister, is likely to be one of the few women promoted to the top echelons of the Bar.

The Lord Chancellor deplored the shortage of women seeking appointment as Queen's Counsel. "I remain concerned that few women have yet felt able to apply," he told the conference. "Last year 43 out of 539 applicants were women."

However, Lord Mackay said that of those who did apply, women's success rate was far higher than men's. "Twenty-one per cent of women were successful, as against 13.7 per cent of male applicants."

This year, he said, 42 of the 492 applications were from women. According to the Bar, there are 370 women barristers qualified for at least 15 years, at which time they have a reasonable prospect of silk. Ms Booth told

the conference that women lawyers did not seek positive discrimination but equal treatment. The issue of positive discrimination was detracting from the real issue and being raised "almost as another means of discriminating against women, an unreasonable demand that women are making".

She said that lawyers were not a stereotype and could develop their careers in many ways. Such flexibility was to be encouraged. "My three children still put demands on

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me which need to be addressed. I am encouraged by the Lord Chancellor's recognition of that when he considers women for the bench. I don't want us to... have to sacrifice our children for our careers."

Anesta Weekes said: "I'm frequently reminded by my male white counterparts that I could apply for silk tomorrow and be granted my application because I am black and a woman. This is the greatest insult that anyone could give me."

## Candidate calls for action over sex allegation

By FRANCES GIBB

ALLEGATIONS of sexual harassment within the senior levels of the Law Society were made at the conference by the first woman to stand for the post of president of the society.

Kileen Pembroke, a legal aid solicitor and Law Society council member, said allegations of sexual harassment against Law Society staff and a council member had been reported two years ago to office-holders. In front of an audience of women judges, barristers and solicitors, she demanded to know what action had been taken.

Ms Pembroke took the opportunity to throw down her challenge for the post of president, which she and Martin Meers, another council member, are contesting and forcing to the first open ballot of the profession in 40 years. Rumours of the allegations have been circulating in the Law Society for some time but the timing of Ms Pembroke's disclosure shocked a number of council members.

Although she mentioned no names, it is an open secret among the Law Society staff that the allegations involve a senior member of council. No

disciplinary action was taken but the council member was given a warning.

Responding to Ms Pembroke from the platform, Charles Elly, the current Law Society president, said an inquiry had been made at the time and "action was taken". Whenever such allegations were brought to his notice, about which something could be done, it would be done, he said.

Earlier Kamlesh Bahl, chairwoman of the Equal Opportunities Commission,

and Peter Goldsmith, QC, the Bar Chairman, called for action to stamp out sexual harassment, which was as serious and pervasive a problem in the legal profession as elsewhere.

Ms Bahl said recent research from Sheffield University had found that three out of four young women barristers saw sexual harassment as a problem and 40 per cent had experienced it personally. "One in four women rated it as a serious problem in the profession," she added.

### Landscape & Memory: an evening with Simon Schama

SIMON SCHAMA, author of the award-winning *Citizens* and one of the most imaginative historians writing today, will talk about his latest book *Landscape & Memory* at The Times/Dillons lecture on Tuesday, April 11. *Landscape & Memory* is a ground-breaking study of the interflow of ideas between culture and landscape. Schama, described as "the Mozart of history", will show how our environment is affected by the way we think. A series based on the book will be shown on BBC2 in late April. The lecture, chaired by Matthew d'Ancona, of The Times, will be at the London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London, WC2, at 7.30pm on April 11. Tickets at £10 (concessions £7.50), which include £5 off the book, are available by ringing 0171-915 6612, by faxing the coupon below to 0171-580 7680, or by sending it with your remittance to Dillons, the Bookstore, 82 Gower Street, London, WC1, where tickets are also on sale.

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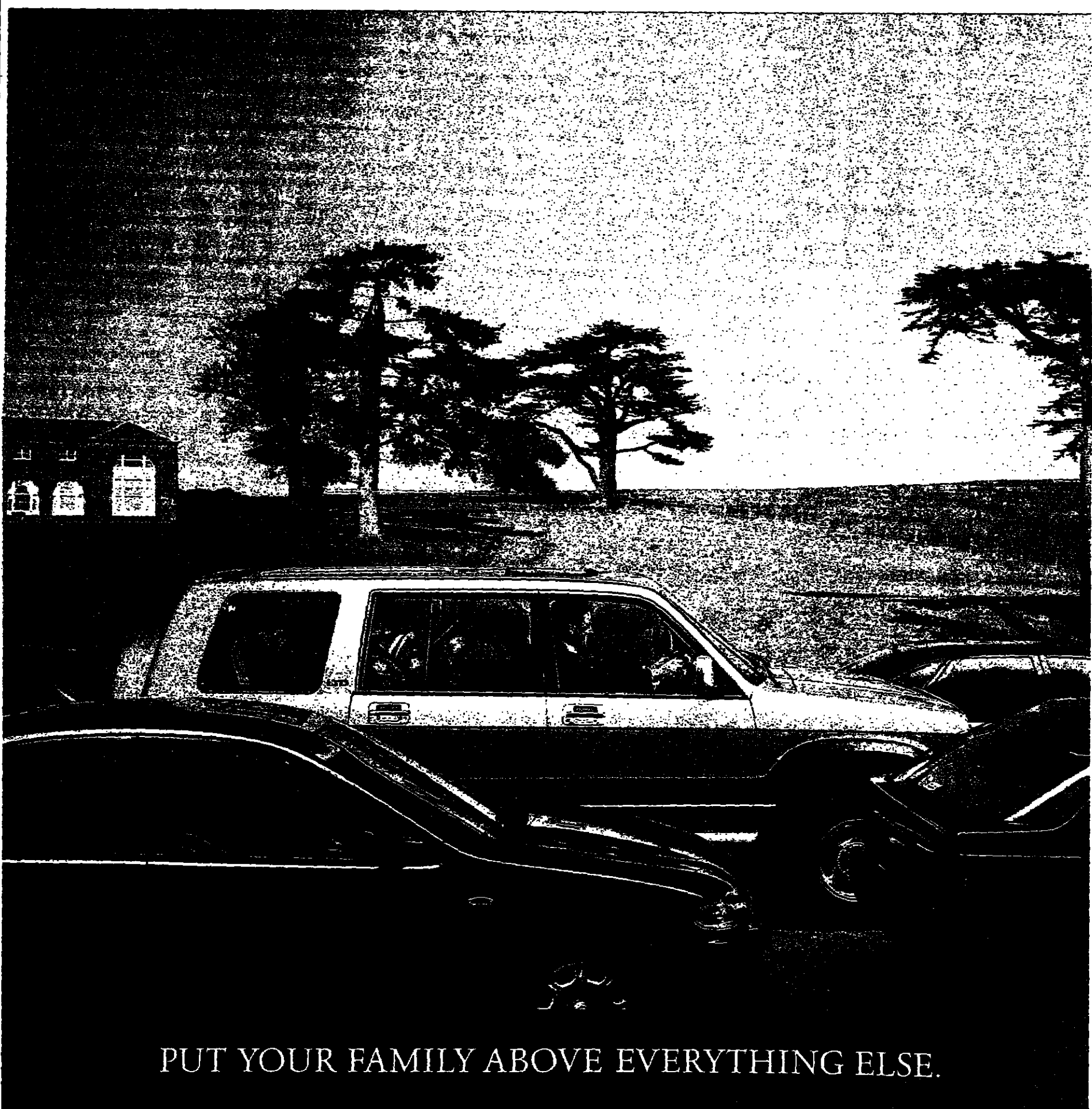
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McNamara breaks silence with painful confession

## Washington warmonger says conflict in Vietnam was wrong

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

ROBERT McNAMARA was the archetype of the organisation man, the cold, calculating executive who, as American Defence Secretary, pursued the Vietnam War with such ruthless determination that it became known as "McNamara's War".

Now, in an extraordinarily forthright and painful admission, Mr McNamara blames himself and other top officials of the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations for countless errors and ill-founded judgments in a war that America should never have fought.

"We were wrong, terribly wrong, and we owe it to future generations to explain why," he admits in a memoir published this week, breaking more than two decades of silence with his first full discussion of why the Americans failed in Vietnam.

It is, he says, the book he planned never to write but now, at 78, his sense of grief and failure is strong. During a television interview to promote the book, he broke down in tears, a human and emotional side that he kept hidden while hundreds of thousands of Americans and Vietnamese were dying in the war.

To the question of why he has spoken out now, Mr McNamara writes: "There are many reasons; the main one is that I have grown sick at heart witnessing the cynicism and even contempt with which so many people view our political institutions and leaders."

Vietnam, he concedes, is a large reason for the cynicism, along with Watergate and other scandals. He says the time has come for present and

future generations of Americans "to understand why we made the mistakes we did and learn from them".

Mr McNamara, former president of Ford Motor, ran the Pentagon from 1961 until 1968 when he left to become president of the World Bank. Earlier Vietnam books by Stanley Karnow and others have recorded Mr McNamara's growing disenchantment, but his memoir, *In Retrospect: the Tragedy and Lessons of Vietnam*, adds new details, documents and, above all, his insight as the man managing the war.

America was sucked into the Vietnam quagmire on the premise that its troops would keep the people of South Vietnam from being overrun by Viet Cong guerrillas and Communist North Vietnam. But the South Vietnamese Government was hopelessly corrupt. Its capital, Saigon, fell to triumphant North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces 20 years ago this month, three years after President Nixon had pulled out the last American ground troops.

Mr McNamara says that "we could and should have withdrawn from South Vietnam" in late 1963, around the time of President Kennedy's assassination, when only 78 Americans had been killed. With the hindsight of his memoir, Mr McNamara finally answers the perennial question of what Kennedy would have done about Vietnam. "I think it highly probable he would have pulled us out. He would have concluded that the South Vietnamese were incapable of defending them-



McNamara: war made Americans 'think about leaders'

selves" and that it would be unwise to send American combat troops en masse. Kennedy once told him: "We're not going to bungle into war." Yet his successor, Lyndon Johnson, did just that, with Mr McNamara at his elbow.

Mr McNamara no longer believes in the "domino theory": that the loss of South Vietnam would be followed by the spread of communism over all South-East Asia. He lists this misjudgment and the exaggeration of North Vietnam's geopolitical intentions as among the main causes for America's failure in Vietnam. His other reasons include: viewing the people and leaders of South Vietnam from a Western perspective as threatening freedom and democracy; underestimating the power of nationalism to motivate

America's enemies; misjudging "friend and foe alike"; through a profound ignorance of the country and its culture; failing to appreciate the limits of American high-tech military equipment; and not drawing Congress and the American people into a frank debate about the war and losing popular support at home.

Mr McNamara chronicles missed peace feelers and numerous occasions when he, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the military command in Vietnam should have conducted a rigorous analysis of their strategy for waging a war where the goals kept shifting. He admits that "we, as a government, failed to address the fundamental issues" and overlooked the military, political, financial and ultimately human costs.

## Britons protest to Georgia jail over Ingram execution

BY BEN MACINTYRE

PROTESTS from Britain continued to arrive at the administrative offices on Georgia's death row yesterday, where the British-born inmate, Nicholas Ingram, died in the electric chair on Friday night.

After the execution, Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, expressed his "deep regret" at the "cruel" way in which Ingram, 31, had been kept on death row for 12 years, while the dead man's English relatives rallied against the electrocution as a barbaric method of execution.

A spokesman for the Georgia Department of Corrections said that the execution had prompted "hundreds" of calls and faxes from Britain, some sending messages of goodwill to the Ingram family, others expressing outrage at the execution, and some supporting the death sentence.

In Georgia, however, the reaction could hardly have been more different: local talk-show hosts pumped up the grim party atmosphere that traditionally surrounds such events, complete with rancid humour at the condemned man's expense. A handful of regular death-penalty supporters appeared at the gates of the prison on Friday night to applaud the arrival of the hearse, while an even smaller group held a candlelit vigil.

The fact that Britain was preoccupied with the Ingram case was considered more newsworthy than the execution itself, and even the principal Georgia newspaper, *The Atlanta Journal and Consti-*

tution, did not feel it necessary to editorialise on the Ingram case or its violent ending.

On his 20th birthday, Ingram was convicted of the murder of J. C. Sawyer during a burglary, and spent the rest of his life on death row. Born in Cambridge in 1963, he retained dual nationality and was the first British citizen to die in the electric chair, but in Georgia he was merely the



Stafford-Smith's execution was 'utterly barbaric'

nineteenth man to die by a judicial process reintroduced in 1976 and supported by the majority of Georgians.

Ingram remained a "defiant and angry man" to the end, according to witnesses, who said he spat at the prison warden when asked to make a final statement and walked to the electric chair without another word. He slammed back into the chair and his

hands clenched with the first 2,000-volt burst of electricity, witnesses said. He was pronounced dead at 9.15pm (2.15am UK time).

Earlier on Friday, the condemned man was said to be "cocky and confident" after a federal court granted another stay of execution, giving his lawyers a further 72 hours to appeal to a higher court. But within three hours the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals overturned that stay and Ingram, described as "quiet and stone-faced", was once again taken to the cell adjoining the execution chamber and his head shaved a second time.

An appeal to the US Supreme Court was turned down just minutes before the scheduled execution time of 9pm. After the execution Clive Stafford-Smith, Ingram's British-born lawyer, gave an emotional statement. In contrast to the remorseless killer depicted by other witnesses, Mr Stafford-Smith said that the condemned man had given him a letter for Mary Sawyer, the wife of Ingram's victim.

Close to tears and condemning the execution as "utterly, utterly barbaric", the lawyer said that Ingram had expressed his "total and utter contempt for this whole system of killing" before going to his death. "He wanted to look forward to another life so he could look-out for something better than what had happened in this life, which had been so sad," Mr Stafford-Smith said.

## Clinton speaks up for 'angry whites'

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

PRESIDENT CLINTON has declared his sympathy for "so-called angry white males" who see themselves as victims of government programmes to help women and ethnic minorities.

On a trip to California to launch his attempt to reclaim the spotlight from Newt Gingrich, the House majority leader, Mr Clinton defended his decision to review "affirmative action" laws, which Republicans have chosen as a key battleground in next year's White House race.

"We don't have to retreat from any of these programmes," he told an audience of Democrats in Sacramento, many of them wearing badges with the message No Retreat on Affirmative Action. "But we do have to ask ourselves, 'Are they all working? Are they fair?' As his audience began chanting "No retreat, no retreat", he pleaded: "Don't scream. The Republicans want to get this country into a screaming match... we have to lower our voices."

"This is a psychologically difficult time for a lot of white males," he said. "Most of them are working harder for less money than they were making 15 years ago." Mr Clinton later attended a \$25,000-a-head (£15,635) fundraising dinner hosted by Steven Spielberg.

## Dole launches third presidential bid

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON



Dole: "warm, fuzzy and reasonable"

AT THE age of 71, Senator Robert Dole will today launch his third attempt to become President when he formally declares his candidacy in Kansas, his home state. He will be the sixth Republican to seek the party's nomination for next year's poll.

Opinion polls put him in the lead by up to 30 points over his nearest rival, Senator Phil Gramm of Texas. In surveys of party activists, however, Mr Gramm is on top.

For now, though, Mr Dole enjoys greater name recogni-

tion with the public after unsuccessful bids for the nomination in 1980 and 1988. He also had a failed run for Vice-President on the ticket with Gerald Ford in 1976.

He is a renowned survivor. Fifty years ago next Friday, as an army lieutenant, he charged a German machine-gun nest in the Po Valley in Italy. He was cut down by bullets that shattered his right shoulder and collar-bone and pierced his spine. He spent nine hours on the battlefield before being evacuated, fol-

lowed by 39 months of hospital and painful rehabilitation. His arm is permanently withered and he struggles to button his shirt. The episode certainly showed Mr Dole's grit, but to some it also left him embittered and angry. Certainly his earlier campaigns were marked by a crabby, biting tone.

This time around, he says, he is more calm and serene. "I'm the warm, fuzzy, reasonable Rob Dole," he says. Perhaps, with practice, he can make it sound convincing.

Suicide turn again

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# Suicide bombings turn Israeli tide against peace pact

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

MODERATE Israelis were asking last night how much longer they should wait and how many more Jews should die before the Government took action.

The twin suicide bombings in Gaza yesterday seemed certain to increase political support for the Likud, the main right-wing opposition party, which is now predicted by the opinion polls to sweep back to power in next year's general election.

Likud is committed to freezing the accord with the Palestine Liberation Organisation and preventing the extension of self-rule to the rest of the occupied West Bank outside Jericho.

Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister and Nobel Peace prizewinner, attempted to stem the tide of political opinion calling for suspension of the talks with the PLO. "We must be very cautious not to take steps that will only serve the terrorists," he said.

The first of yesterday's attacks took place about 200 yards from the settlement of Kfar Darom, one of a number of outposts left behind in the Gaza Strip by the Israelis, which between them house 4,000 Jews but require huge military protection. A van loaded with explosives drove into an Israeli bus carrying soldiers and settlers from the port city of Ashdod and ripped much of the vehicle apart.

Michal Sherenbaum, one of the settlers, said she had seen Palestinians near by dancing with joy.

Islamic Jihad said it had carried out the attack and named the suicide bomber. The group said the attack was launched in revenge for the bomb in Gaza a week ago in which seven Arabs, a number of them Islamic activists, were killed. The PLO claimed that it was an accident caused by the bomb makers, but Islamic spokesmen claimed it was the work of Mossad, Israel's foreign intelligence agency.

Israeli officials said that six people had died in the bus and 30 of the passengers were wounded. Even as the rescue operation was continuing, another huge blast took place a few miles further north when a second suicide bomber drove into an Israeli army vehicle escorting settlers in their cars. One Israeli was killed instantly and nine people, including two young girls, were injured.

The second attack took place close to Netzarim which Yossi Sarid, the dovish Environment Minister, described last week as "a bone in the throat" which should be spat out because it was causing unnecessary friction between Israelis and Palestinians. Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, has repeatedly pledged, despite calls from the Israeli Left, that no settlements will

be uprooted at this stage of the peace process.

Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, denounced those responsible for yesterday's attacks as "enemies of peace" and pledged to fight them. Senior members of the Palestinian police have alleged, however, that he is unwilling to give them carte blanche to move against the extremists for fear of provoking a civil war in Gaza. The attacks were an embarrassment to the Palestinian Authority, which has been trying to convince a sceptical Israeli public that it is doing all it can to contain the extremists.

Israeli rightwing critics claim that no Islamic suspects have yet been tried in the security court set up by Mr Arafat, which has been criticised inside Gaza by Palestinians who claim it is following in the undemocratic footsteps of dictatorial Arab regimes such as Iraq and Libya.

Only 24 hours before the two attacks, the Palestinian police announced that they had recently arrested Arab boys as young as ten years old who were being trained to perform suicide missions.

"Those who trained them declared them martyrs by placing the boys in graves and praying over their bodies before sending them to carry out attacks," Tayeb Abdel Rahim, the general secretary of the Palestinian Authority, said.



A woman in Lima is confronted by an array of posters for yesterday's election to choose a new President and 120 members of congress. Peruvians queued up at polling booths while opposition candidates claimed that President Fujimori was resorting to fraud to get re-elected (Gabriella

## Opposition cries foul in Peru

Gabriella Pucallpa, and towns in an area around the river, Rio Ucayali. Fourteen members of the national electoral council were arrested, accused of filling in ballot papers in favour of Mr Fujimori,

who is fighting for another five years in power. Opinion polls suggested that Mr Fujimori would win 42 per cent of the votes from Peru's 12 million electorate while his closest rival, Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the former United Nations Secretary-General, was expected to get no more than 27 per cent.

## Russians fear cult attack on subway

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

THE Japanese religious sect suspected of responsibility for last month's poison gas attack in the Tokyo subway is under close investigation by the Russian security services.

Application forms apparently issued to new members of the Aum Shinrikyo sect by the Russian branch contain questions about the Moscow subway system, raising fears that the cult may have been planning a similar gas attack in the city. In the past ten days, the sect's Russian headquarters in the town of Vladikavkaz and its five Moscow branches have been closed by the police.

Aum Shinrikyo claims up to 35,000 followers in Russia. It has contacts with powerful figures in the Russian bureaucracy, including Oleg Lobov, the secretary of the National Security Council. Mr Lobov, who met Shoko Asahara, the

cult's leader, last year explained the move by pointing to the charitable help offered by the sect.

There are fears that the material for making the poison gas, sarin, may have come from Russian military stocks. There has been no firm evidence, and the claim has been denied by the Russian military.

Application forms allegedly

belonging to Aum Shinrikyo have been acquired by the Committee on Religion of the Duma, the Russian parliament, and by the Moscow Times. After a space for the applicant's name and basic information, the form becomes a questionnaire. One of the questions is: "Which metro or train station do you most frequently use?" Another section asks applicants to specify

their jobs and qualifications and lists alternatives beginning with physics, chemistry and biology.

"If this is really authentic, then it obviously worries us," said Valentina Mishina, one of the Duma deputies. "Why does a religious organisation need to ask questions like these?"

Ludmila Bolitsayeva, one of the cult's representatives in Vladikavkaz, said last week that she had seen the application form. She said the question about the subway had probably been asked "because they want to know how easy it would be for the applicant to attend seminars and meetings in Moscow".

The Russian Justice Ministry said it believed that the application form was genuine, and it was worried about the implications.

## TV star wins in Tokyo

Tokyo: A television personality and a comedian won the governorships of Tokyo and Osaka yesterday, dealing a blow to the coalition camp of Yoshiichi Murayama, the Socialist Prime Minister.

In Tokyo, Yukio Aoshima, a writer and television personality, beat seven candidates,

including Noburo Ishihara who was backed by the coalition, while in Osaka, Nock Yokoyama, a comedian, defeated four candidates.

Analysis said the results might force the parties to review strategies before the July elections to the upper house of parliament. (AFP)

## Mugabe paves way for Smith to vote

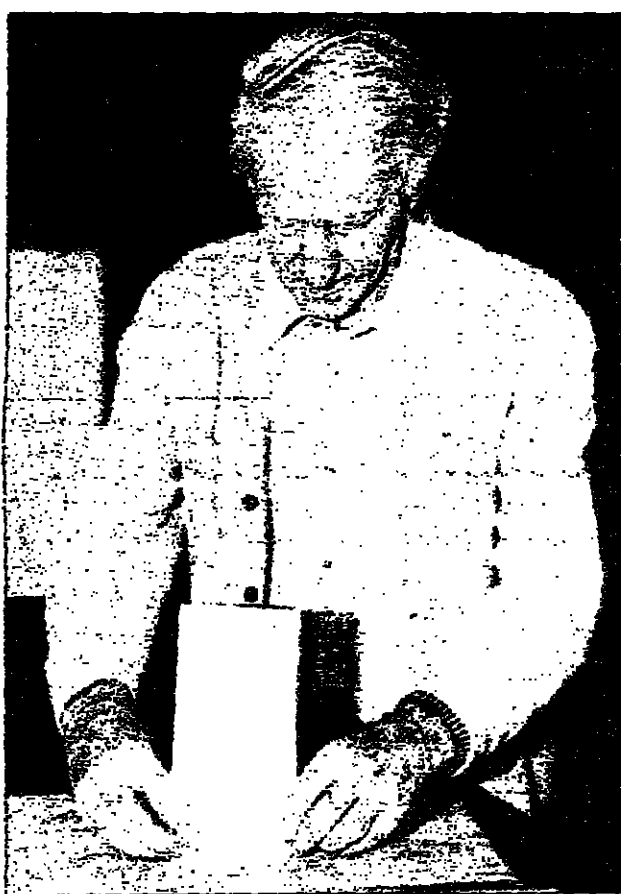
FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

IAN SMITH, the former Rhodesian Prime Minister, managed to steal the limelight this weekend by voting in a parliamentary election in which most Zimbabweans appeared to have made clear to President Mugabe their dislike of his rule by staying at home.

Eventually it was only the personal intervention of Mr Mugabe that allowed his old foe to vote. At Mr Smith's first attempt on Saturday at a polling station in a central Harare constituency, he was turned away because officials could not find his name on the voters' roll.

Tobias Mudege, the Registrar-General, said Mr Smith was enrolled at Shurugwi, 180 miles to the south where he ranched, and would have to drive there if he wanted to vote. But in the meantime, Mr Mugabe was told of the omission and responded: "He must vote." A driver was at Mr Smith's front door yesterday morning with a written apology from Mr Mudege asking him to come and vote.

Thousands of other Zimbabweans who also tried to



Ian Smith votes yesterday after the electoral slip-up

vote did not get preferential treatment. "The voters' roll is a shambles," said Mike Auret, chairman of the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace, monitoring the poll.

About 45 per cent of the 2.6 million people able to vote had cast their ballots by early afternoon, and the election

directorates said it expected a turnout of 50 per cent. The figure surprised observers, who witnessed moderate polling on the first day and deserted polling stations yesterday on the second and last day. It was a far cry from Mr Mugabe's call for a "thunderous 99.9 per cent victory".

## Six die after Inkatha walkout

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

SIX people have been murdered and three injured in KwaZulu-Natal within hours of a decision by the Inkatha Freedom Party to suspend its participation in South Africa's constitutional assembly. Inkatha wants an end to the impasse over international mediation on its demands for strong federal powers in the region.

Police said yesterday that three of the victims were attacked in their homes near Mthatha, in the south of the province, and another man

was shot dead in a hostel run by the African National Congress at Umlazi, near Durban. Earlier yesterday, Inkatha said it did not believe its parliamentary walkout would fuel violence.

Inkatha's national council voted on Saturday to suspend immediately involvement in the constitutional assembly and said it would refuse to recognise the final constitution if it was not involved in drafting it.

However, it also supported the proposal by F.W. de Klerk,

the Second Deputy President, for a new task force consisting of himself, Thabo Mbeki, the First Deputy President, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader, and an independent mediator to ensure that any agreement is honoured.

Chief Buthelezi said that the ANC was determined to draft the country's final constitution on its own.

□ Bloemfontein: Twelve people were killed and 56 were injured in fighting between workers at a goldmine near Bloemfontein yesterday. (AP)

## Karachi shops and buses burnt

Karachi: Supporters of the Mohajir National Movement set fire to shops and buses in Karachi yesterday to protest over the death of one of its activists. Police said the man was killed in clashes between rival factions of the movement and police on Saturday, when eight people, two of them policemen, were shot dead. A senior member of the movement, who asked not to be named, accused police of having killed the activist in cold blood. (Reuters)

## Narrow win for Oddsson

Reykjavik: David Oddsson, the conservative Prime Minister of Iceland, scraped through in a cliffhanger general election and began talks on forming a new coalition government yesterday. The centre-right administration of Mr Oddsson, a former playwright, won 32 seats in the 63-member parliament, the Althing. The centre-left opposition took 31. (Reuters)

## Liechtenstein votes for trade

Vaduz: The tiny alpine principality of Liechtenstein said "yes" to joining the European Economic Area, according to preliminary results of a weekend referendum. Almost 50 per cent of voters favoured joining the free trade bloc, which covers the European Union and the European Free Trade Association. (Reuters)

## Hutu refugees train to invade Rwanda

FROM SAM KILEY IN MSHURA HILLS CAMP, WESTERN TANZANIA

THE Hutus responsible for much of the genocide in Rwanda ignored the mass mourning at the weekend, which marked the first anniversary of the massacre, and instead concentrated on how to go home.

The peasants, drawn into killing Tutsis by Hutu intellectuals and government administrators, mulled over their options but, according to aid workers, Western security analysts and the United Nations, at least 100,000 militiamen have been training in the Ngara region of Tanzania to retake Rwanda by force. Tens of thousands more are also making ready in Zaire's refugee camps.

Many have crossed into Rwanda to destabilise the country. They say that

when the word comes this will be followed by simultaneous attacks from refugee camps in Zaire, a Hutu refugee in Mshura Hills camp, near Ngara, said.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees and foreign aid workers provide medical aid, water, and feed more than 400,000 refugees in this area and another 350,000 further north.

Yesterday was just another day in Mshura camp. The refugees held church services to mourn the death of President Habyarimana who was killed in a plane crash a year ago last Thursday, but there was no remembrance service for the victims of the genocide. Jean-Baptiste Unirigwe, 37, said: "I saw some dead Tutsis, but I don't know who killed them... We will fight our way home if we have to, if the Government refuses to negotiate with us." The coalition administration in

the capital, Kigali, has refused to talk to the former regime, which it describes as a "clique of murderers".

Many aid workers have become reluctant to continue their efforts in the absence of attempts to arrest those who organised the genocide of a million Rwandans. Some of the known killers now work for the humanitarian agencies or have established control over the refugee populations of ordinary Hutus.

As the Hutu farmers abandon hopes of going home, the vast rows of tents are being replaced with mud huts. The peasants, who remain in fear after reports from their leaders that they would be killed by the new Tutsi-dominated regime in Rwanda, are creating a permanent home, thereby establishing what has become Tanzania's second-largest city after Dar es Salaam.



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# Fears of renewed fighting dampen hope in Bosnia

By JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

WARNINGS yesterday of a new eruption of fighting across Bosnia-Herzegovina dampened hopes of any new diplomatic breakthrough, as the current ceasefire continued to be violated by Serb and government forces.

In Sarajevo, United Nations peacekeepers went on high alert at the airport after an American transport plane was hit by ten small-arms rounds. The hydraulic system was damaged and the cockpit windscreen was hit but there were no injuries. UN officials blamed the shooting on the Bosnian Serbs.

Richard Holbrooke, the American Assistant Secretary of State, said in Athens at the weekend that the situation in Bosnia looked bleak. "We are concerned that we are slipping over the abyss," he said. The UN reported nine large explosions, believed to be mortar blasts, in the city centre late on Saturday night. As Bosnian

government forces celebrated the seizure of the strategic Vlasica mountain in central Bosnia, officials from the five-nation Contact Group prepared to leave for a visit this week to Belgrade, Sarajevo and Zagreb, to apply more pressure for a diplomatic end to the war.

The officials from America, Russia, Britain, France and Germany are expected to focus their efforts on persuading President Milosevic of Serbia to recognise Croatia and Bosnia in exchange for an easing of sanctions. Mr Milosevic has said he wants a total lifting of sanctions before conceding to the Contact Group's demands. Brigadier-General Jovan Divjak, of the Bosnian government army, predicted that the current ceasefire, due to end on April 30, would be extended by two months to give further time for the Contact Group to put pressure on Mr Milosevic. The hope is that

recognition would further isolate the Bosnian Serbs and force them into accepting the Contact Group plan for Bosnia, which would give the Serbs 49 per cent of the territory, and the Muslim-Croat federation 51 per cent. However, President Zvezdovic of Bosnia said last week that an extension of the truce was unlikely.

All the signs are that the Bosnian Serbs are preparing a new offensive against government troops in revenge for recent successes by the Muslims. The Bosnian army has made a number of strategic gains in the past two weeks. State-run television showed footage of well-equipped government troops, backed by heavy weaponry, securing Mount Vlasica.

Jovan Zemitica, adviser to Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said: "Our strategy is very clear, given that the Muslims do not seem



Three Catholic boys sprint ahead of other communicants from a church on "Snipers' Alley" in Sarajevo after Palm Sunday Mass

to be interested in a political settlement to this war, but are pursuing a military one. We are going to be talking much louder than they are."

As part of the new war preparations, the Serbs launched a shell into the centre of Sarajevo yesterday. Eight shells landed in residential parts of the city. A Nato ultimatum in February 1994 threatened to destroy any heavy gun firing on Sarajevo.

A UN source said: "Clearly the international pressures have changed in the past year. The pressures that were there from America and Nato a year ago are no longer in evidence." He said General Radko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb commander, might be testing how far he could go with shelling "safe areas" and killing civilians.

The war in Bosnia, as well as the Chechen uprising against Russia, are likely to dominate a meeting in Luxembourg today between Euro-

pean Union foreign ministers and their counterparts from six Central and Eastern European countries to discuss the political shape of the Continent as it moves into the next century.

Diplomats say they do not expect any initiatives on the two issues that have haunted European diplomacy for months. However, President Tudjman of Croatia may be rewarded for having backed down on a decision not to renew the mandate of UN

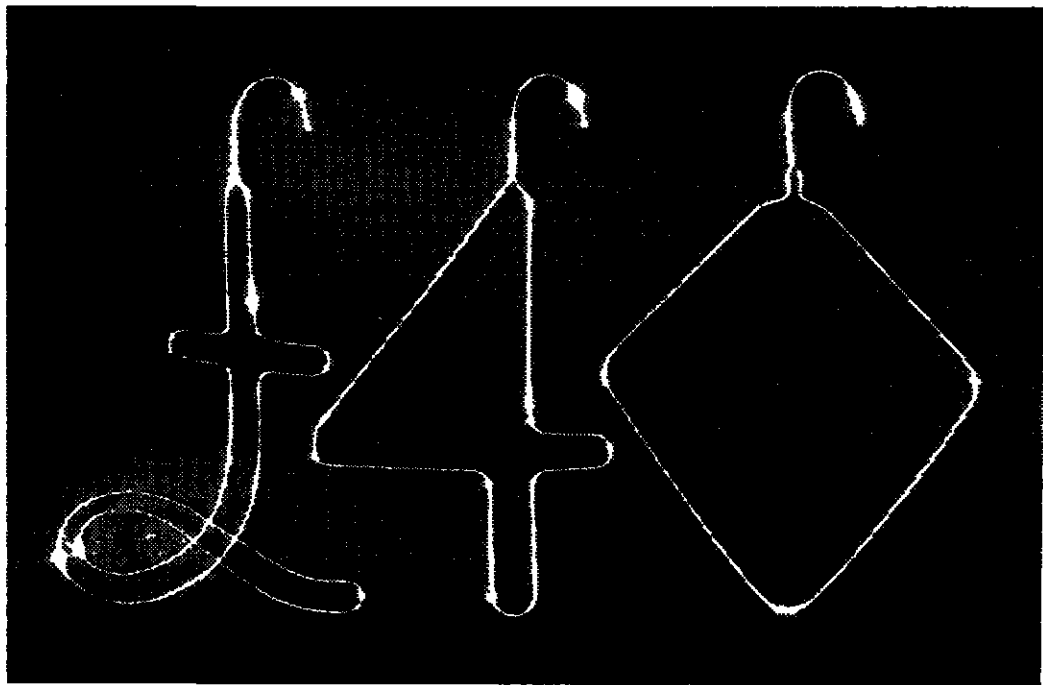
peacekeepers on his territory. EU ministers are likely to give the European Commission authority to begin negotiations on lucrative co-operation accords with Croatia.

The former communist countries of Poland, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia and the Czech Republic are keen to consolidate their break with Moscow over human rights abuses during Moscow's attempts to suppress the revolt in Chechnya. It was likely to remain blocked.

until after the end of a fundamental review of the Union's treaties which begins next year. The states hoping to join the EU will be coaxed and financially helped to bring their economies more into line with those of existing members.

Diplomats said that an interim EU trade accord with Russia, frozen over human rights abuses during Moscow's attempts to suppress the revolt in Chechnya, was likely to remain blocked.

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## Russians killed in Tajik attacks

FROM ANATOLI LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

RUSSIANS received a brutal reminder at the weekend that Chechnya is not the only war in which their soldiers are involved when 23 Russian and CIS border guards were killed in the Central Asian republic of Tajikistan.

The Russian forces were attacked by opposition Tajik fighters based in neighbouring Afghanistan. Clashes were reported to be continuing.

The Russian-backed Tajik Government yesterday asked the United Nations and the Russian-dominated Commonwealth of Independent States for help in defending its borders.

Moscow last week hosted the fourth round of peace talks between the Tajik Government and the opposition, based on Islamist and tribal forces, which fled to Afghanistan after it was defeated in the Tajik civil war of 1992.

The talks have made little progress. A truce has, in theory, been in place between the Government and the opposition "Islamic Movement of Tajikistan" since last September, but the opposition leaders are unable to control many of the disparate groups of fighters. The Tajik Government, too, is split into rival factions.

Most of the Russians were killed on Friday, when a military column near the border village of Poshkharv was ambushed. The opposition fighters then opened fire on a relief force of troops from the Kazakh battalion. The Kazakh soldiers were stationed in Tajikistan with small forces from Kirghizia and Uzbekistan as part of a CIS agreement to protect the Tajik frontier.

Lieutenant-General Anatoli Chechulin, commanding the border troops in Tajikistan, suggested that the opposition's aim is to seize control of the Tajik autonomous mountain republic of Badakhshan, from where they can try to conquer the rest of Tajikistan.

Russia fears that the fall of Tajikistan could produce a domino effect, ending with a loss of Russian influence over Central Asia.

□ Moscow: Russian forces captured the town of Samashki, one of the last separatist strongholds in rebel Chechnya, after shelling it heavily for two days. (Reuters)



## £5.6bn bid by Spain to defeat drought

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

LUIS ATIENZA, the Spanish Agriculture Minister, has announced he is preparing to implement a drastic £5.6 billion, 20-year plan to improve Spain's water supply. Four years of drought have left half the country with critical shortages, and the minority Socialist Government hopes that the European Union will help to subsidise the scheme.

A massive water redistribution programme would involve diverting water from the Ebro, Duero, and Tago to rivers supplying reservoirs in the dry areas. If there is no significant rainfall between now and the end of the year, more than six million Spaniards and 2.5 million tourists will be without piped water, the Ministry of Public Works said recently.

At present, two million people in the south are having to cope with severe water rationing. Three million acres of agricultural land in Andalusia have become barren with reservoirs filled on average to only 12 per cent capacity. The regional government estimates last year's crop losses at £470 million. Farmers with camels protested at the Agriculture Ministry in Madrid last week, demanding compensation and action.

Worst hit is the Costa del Sol, where water is being cut for up to 16 hours a day in the resorts of Fuengirola, Marbella and Estepona, with severe restrictions in Málaga and Granada. Majorca yesterday started a three-year, £18 million emergency plan to bring tankers of water to Palma from the Ebro estuary.

José Borrell, the Minister of Public Works, says that Spain's dam and irrigation systems need to be rebuilt. Nearly a third of the water ducts are more than 200 years old. Up to 40 per cent of the supply is lost through leaks.

## West to press Turks on Iraq withdrawal

By MICHAEL EVANS

RENEWED American and European efforts will be launched this week to persuade Turkey to remove its invasion forces from northern Iraq. Strobe Talbott, the American Deputy Secretary of State, flies into Ankara today for a three-day visit as Turkey's allies express growing unease over the continued operation by Turkish troops against Kurdish rebels.

Turkey wants Washington to put pressure on Syria to halt its support for the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), whose leader, Abdullah Ocalan, lives in Damascus. However, Mr

Talbott and foreign ministers from the European Union foreign affairs council, which meets this week, are expected to increase the pressure on Ankara to set a deadline for a pullout.

Over the weekend, Ankara announced the withdrawal of more than 3,000 soldiers from the 35,000 sent across the border last month. Fighting intensified yesterday between Turkish soldiers and PKK rebels in northern Iraq. Thirty PKK rebels were killed in one of the biggest confrontations since the Turkish military operation began.

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# Protesters gather to save Portuguese cave paintings

By Edward Owen

PROTESTERS seeking to stop the construction of a huge dam, which will flood a valley containing hundreds of Stone Age etchings, will converge on a remote town in northeastern Portugal today.

The ancient art works were discovered in November, but the Government refused to halt the project even though Unesco called for an international study of Europe's finest collection of Stone Age engravings.

Since the discovery of the etchings, a movement to save them has grown among schoolchildren and students, especially at the University of Oporto, at the mouth of the Douro. The Cda, which is a tributary, is the river to be dammed. Youngsters have been selling T-shirts and port wine to help raise funds for this week's demonstration.

The Government wants to carry out a cultural holocaust, said M. Simões, an expert on Stone Age rock art, said. "International support is fundamental to save the etchings as the fight gets tougher. So far the Government and the electricity company (EDP) have refused to stop the construction of the dam but we get the feeling that they might

reconsider if funds were to be offered, perhaps from the European Union."

She said she was delighted with support from the British Council, which has promised to send three British archaeologists to Portugal to help the campaign against the dam.

So far £110 million has been spent on the £226 million dam, which would have a lifespan of 100 years and guard against Spain's increased demand on the Douro river. "It will also help to produce electricity."

President Soares, a Socialist, is known to be firmly against the dam and he has, on at least three occasions, told António Cavaco Silva, the Socialist Democrat (PSD) Prime Minister, to halt the project. It seems the dam will become an issue in the general election due this October. Students have threatened a sit-in to stop work on the dam and 500 construction workers have retaliated by saying they will take their pickaxes to the etchings of oxen, goats and ponies.

Antonio Gouveia, 50, the PSD Mayor of Vila Nova de Foz Côa, who favours the proposed dam for the industry he claims it will bring, has said that "Unesco's policy is that cultural interests can be

overridden where economic requirements are more important". A Unesco spokeswoman has denied this.

Vitor Chiveira Jorge, professor of archaeology at the University of Oporto, says that "to stop the work in process would be an act of courage". He admits, however, that "it has not been proved that flooding the site will damage the engravings. Some voices claim they would be better preserved underwater." Some of the shale rocks have been carved with graffiti recently and some engravings re-outlined for tourists' cameras.

However, Senhor Chiveira Jorge is adamant that the dam should be stopped. "The Cda site is the biggest and most important example of open-air galleries... we cannot flood the engravings [because] they would have no meaning... Underwater the whole picture would be altered... The whole scenery of the valley taken as a whole is the true cultural art form. If we do not preserve it, we must know what we are doing: committing a horrendous crime against the memory of our own human species. The world will never forgive us."

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An unidentified woman prays at a crematorium oven in Buchenwald

# Buchenwald inmate decries 'Bonn slur'

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN

SOMBRE commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the liberation of Buchenwald concentration camp yesterday took on a ferociously political tone when a former inmate accused the German authorities of shielding Nazi murderers and trying to blacken the reputation of the Communist resistance in the camp.

About 1,000 former prisoners and their liberators, veteran American soldiers, gathered at the camp, high above Weimar in eastern Germany, to mark the anniversary. The ceremony was never going to be as straightforward as those planned for Belsen, Sachsenhausen or Dachau because of the chequered history of Buchenwald.

After the war the Soviet NKVD, the forerunner of the KGB, used the barracks to intern political dissidents. Under Russian management, 13,000 people died, compared with more than 50,000 during the Nazi period from 1938 to 1945.

Disentangling the history has proved difficult and controversial. Yesterday Emil Carlebach, a Jewish former Communist prisoner, delivered a blistering attack on the Bonn Government. Perhaps anticipating trouble, no senior member of the Government attended the ceremony, only Bernhard Vogel, the regional Prime Minister.

The people who made Buchenwald possible, said Herr Carlebach, were "still respected leaders of German industry. They sit on economic advisory councils of parties which claim to be democratic. They don't raise their hand in the Hitler salute anymore, but only to grab cash from their blood-soaked dividends. And what of the officers and gentlemen who bombed vil-

lages and towns in East and West? They built up the new Wehrmacht and now they draw their pensions and wear with pride their Hitler medals."

Herr Carlebach's main grudge, as a member of the Communist resistance in the camp, was the simmering dispute over the role of Communist trustees in Buchenwald. Professor Lutz Niethammer, an historian, recently published documents that paint a sordid picture of the privileged life of the Communist Kapos. Co-operating with the SS camp commandant, they were allowed to run a brothel, ransack food parcels and were, by default, given power over life and death.

Herr Carlebach, his voice shaking with anger, called these charges the "most drastic of lies... we who saved 21,000 comrades of all nationalities, we who protected 903 helpless children from the gas chambers — we are the ones who are supposed to have collaborated with the SS!"

The Communist survivors say that they had to work tightly together because the camp was in the hands of common criminals in the early days of 1938-39. Having obtained the key camp posts, in the infirmary, the pharmacy, the canteen and as block supervisors, they were able to create a protective shield around many helpless inmates. A plaque in the camp commemorates four British airmen who owed their lives to the "anti-Fascist resistance".

Monument unveiled: For the first time the 500,000 gypsies murdered by the Nazis have been given their own monument. The stone tablets were unveiled at the camp on Saturday.

# Europe bickers over design of coins and notes

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN VERSAILLES

ALTHOUGH the timetable for a single European currency has been set back, the battle rages on over the shape and design of the new coins.

The French prefer a doughnut shape, with coins made of two different alloys, like the ten-franc coin, which has a metal core and a brass fringe. Dual-metal coins have the advantage of being more difficult to forge.

The Germans want coins made up of three flat layers of metal. Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, claims that these are the ultimate in anti-forgery technology. What he did not mention is that the only European company with the technology to produce these is Krupp. Sweden has complicated the debate by insisting that none of the coins should contain nickel, which can cause allergies.

One of the few matters already settled is the denominations of eight coins. These range from 0.01 euro to two euros. There will also be seven banknotes, ranging from five

to 500 euros. But also still unclear is the design of the coins and the notes, and whether there will be national symbols. At a meeting of finance ministers in Versailles yesterday, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, argued passionately for the retention of the Queen's head on Britain's European currency.

The technical experts want a uniform design for easy recognition, but there would be a small national emblem. Mr Clarke made it clear, however, that that might not be enough for the British public, and he suggested a national side and a European side to the currency.

But first, Mr Clarke insisted, all member states had to achieve the necessary economic improvement targets set out in the Maastricht treaty before exchange rates can be locked. Britain and Denmark must also decide whether they want to join a single currency.

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# Sterling qualities of national currency

By Joe Joseph

MOST Britons could not tell you if Charles Dickens's face graces the £5 or the £10 note. Few would guess that the first time a monarch stared back at us from a banknote was in 1957, when the Queen's face was added to the five. How many realise that the £1 note — only entered our wallets in 1914 (a version introduced in 1971 lived only briefly before being usurped by gold sovereigns)?

Sterling's origins are even murkier, dating from about 775, when silver coins were issued in the Saxon kingdoms. After the Norman Conquest the pound was split into 20 shillings and 24 pennies. This division was dreamt up by decimalising Romans who invented the LSD equation in which a pound, or libra, comprised 20 solidi or 240 denarii. This formula persisted in France until 1793 (as livre-sous-denier). Britain, proud that it was not only a nation of shopkeepers, but of shopkeepers who could add 4s 11d and 7s 6d in their heads, stuck with LSD until 1971, when decimalisation put sterling on a slow raft towards Europe.

Oddly for a nation that fiddles so frequently with its notes and coins, Britain grows uneasy whenever the contents of its wallet changes shape or colour. The media have done their best to cushion the traumatic adjust-

ments. To underline the benefits of the new smaller pound notes introduced in 1978, *The Sun* dressed a model in a bikini top made of two £1 notes ("If the shrinking pound cannot stretch as far as it used to, well, who's complaining?"). When Europe entered a new chapter in 1992 with the single market, Harrods became the first British retailer to accept payment in euros. Made up of a basket of European currencies, the euro was born in 1979 when most members of the EEC (except Britain) joined the European Monetary System. Although it stands for European currency unit, the euro has a sturdier heritage. France's Louis IX issued the first euro d'or during the war with France. The Bank of England stamped the head of George III over that of Spain's King Charles IV. When Brussels stamps the head of Delors over Britain's Charles III, we will know the euro really has arrived.



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DEEP beneath the Apennines, an experiment with an artificial sun has confirmed that there really are too few neutrinos around. And that, in a roundabout way, could have implications for the future of the universe.

For nearly 30 years, scientists have been trying to measure the flow of neutrinos from the Sun. These particles are hard to detect because although they are produced in astonishing numbers — 66 billion are calculated to rain down on each square centimetre of the Earth's surface every second — they pass straight through matter without any noticeable effect.

Just occasionally, a neutrino may collide directly with the nucleus of an atom, and alter it. That is the basis of neutrino detectors, which are always buried deep underground to prevent disruption by cosmic rays. At the Grand Sasso tunnel in the Apennines, the detector consists of a tank containing 100 tons of gallium chloride solution.

The idea is to measure the rate

## Elusive clues to the universe

at which the gallium is converted into germanium by neutrino collisions. This is agonisingly slow — at atom or so a day in the entire detector — so very sensitive chemistry is needed to pick it up. The result of this experiment, called Gallex, has been similar to those of other neutrino detectors. Gallex finds only about 60 per cent of the neutrinos expected.

Given the uncertainties, this could simply be experimental error, so the Gallex team set out to calibrate their instrument by using a "surrogate sun" consisting of a lump of



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Nigel Hawkes

radioactive chromium-51, which decays naturally to vanadium-51, emitting neutrinos that mimic very well the solar neutrinos the detector is designed to spot.

A group at the Kurchatov Institute in Moscow took on the job, enriching 36 kilograms of chromium-51. This source was placed inside the Gallex detector, spewing out 100,000 billion neutrinos per second. The detector

was found to be working well, proving that the lack of solar neutrinos could not be blamed on experimental error. So why are they missing? May-

be our models of the Sun are wrong, and it simply produces fewer neutrinos. That is considered unlikely, because the models explain all other aspects of solar behaviour well. Another possibility is that some of the neutrinos manage to transform themselves en route into different kinds of neutrino which the detector cannot capture.

That could happen, but only if the neutrinos have mass. And if neutrinos have even very little mass, then they could help explain the apparent lack of matter in the universe — the so-called "missing mass" problem. Ultimately it is the amount of mass in the universe which determines whether it goes on expanding, or eventually goes into reverse and contracts again.

Some recent experiments at Los Alamos laboratory in New Mexico suggest that neutrinos can, indeed, switch from one type to another. But the mass that emerges from these experiments is not the same as that predicted by the theory that best explains the solar neutrino data. The neutrinos look like keeping their secrets hidden for a little longer.

## Light work



A BRITISH team, from the University of Glasgow and the Research Councils' Daresbury Laboratory near Warrington, has completed a

tour de force of structural analysis.

The team has worked out the structure of a key part of a bacterium, *Rhodospirillum rubrum*, which can capture solar energy. The bacterium comes from North America, where it forms a purple stain on the surface of polluted water, getting its energy by photosynthesis.

As well as helping to explain the mechanism by which bacteria, algae and plants use sunlight, the discovery could ultimately lead to far more efficient solar cells. Photosynthesis depends on a family of molecules called chlorophylls. These have two main elements: a light-harvesting complex, and the reaction centre, which converts light into electrical energy. The structure of the reaction

centre was worked out by a German group in 1985. They won the 1988 Nobel Prize for Chemistry for the work.

Using X-ray diffraction, the British team, led by Professor Neil Isaacs, has worked out the structure of the light-harvesting complex in the bacterium. It turns out to be rather elegant: a ring, made up of nine identical units, the photosynthetic pigment molecules being trapped inside two concentric spirals of protein molecules.

Now the researchers can begin to explain how the bacterium can trap light and transfer its energy with 95 per cent efficiency, while the best solar cells produced so far achieve a mere 20 per cent.

## High impact



A South African company has reinvented the wheel — and it's five-sided. The curious vehicle bearing the wheels is to make its British debut next month at SED'95, an annual event at which the construction

industry shows off its equipment. The machine is designed for compacting soil, sand, gravel and other loose material quickly and efficiently. The rollers at the front of the vehicle have a series of points, alternating with flat faces. As the roller moves forward, it rises on the points and, then, crashes down so that the flat faces strike the ground in a series of blows. The idea, obvious when you think of it, was developed by civil engineer Aubrey Berrange.

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## Life gleaned from a rock

Imagine a world devoid of land plants and animals, says Dianne Edwards. A land without soil matured by the decayed bodies of past generations or bound and stabilised by the roots of the living: a world whose surfaces are barren, exposed and hostile to life.

This was the likely appearance of the Earth before plants emerged from their protected habitats in the seas, lakes and rivers and began to colonise the land 420-390 million years ago.

The advance of plants onto terra firma was an enormous step, says Professor Edwards, making it sound for a moment as though they just grew legs and walked out of the sea. "It led eventually to changes in the composition of the atmosphere, soil formation and a wonderful diversity of plants and animals, including, of course, ourselves."

Dianne Edwards, 53, is Professor of Earth Sciences at the University of South Wales in Cardiff, and studies the fossil remains of plants that lived in the Silurian to Early Devonian periods. Although algae and cyanobacteria are believed to have preceded them, these plants were pioneers, coping with limited and fluctuating water supplies and high levels of radiation. "It's as if many different ideas were tried out in the new environment, leaving natural selection to choose the best."

Mention of fossils conjures up dusty museum cases with a

Jane Stirling discovers how ancient plants contain the natural history of the world

few ancient, unloved specimens, but the laboratory in which we are talking is brightly lit and equipped with scanning electron microscopes. These use a beam of electrons rather than light to illuminate the specimens, which greatly enhances the quality of the images that are transmitted to the television monitor. What appears on the screen though, is not anything that the average keen gardener would recognise. Professor Edwards explains: "As they lacked both leaves and roots, the outward appearance of the first known plants on land shows little resemblance to today's. They had branching stems and grew upright and were so tiny that several could have fitted on the head of a pin. At the cellular level, however, there is a remarkable similarity and little change has occurred over 400 million years. It's all there in the early plants, but on a minute scale."

Fossils tell us that by the end of the Devonian period, club mosses, horse-tails, ferns and

the earliest seed plants were already in existence, she went on. "The only significant changes to plant structure since then have been the evolution of the flowering plants, which currently dominate the Earth's surface, and plants whose modified photosynthetic pathway allows them to inhabit the warmer, drier areas of the Earth." Looking forward, for a change, she predicts that with global warming and rising levels of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, "these could be the dominant plants of the future."

The natural history of the whole world, it seems, is contained in fossilised plants, and their spores and seeds. "We know from fossils that plants first developed roots in the Lower Devonian — a key event. Roots meant the stabilising of river banks and additional means of breaking up rocks into soil through chemical weathering."

One of the best sites for fossil plant remains is at Rhynie Chert in Aberdeenshire, but luckily for palaeobotanists they have more exotic locations too. Professor Edwards is enjoying a one-year fellowship funded by the Leverhulme Trust and administered by the Royal Society which is enabling her to take a sabbatical year. She has been on fossil-hunting expeditions in Bolivia, Argentina and to Venezuela, where apparently the fossils are radically differ-

ent from the rest of South America and the Southern continents, but are curiously similar to those found in New York.

"This is evidence that the area was once a part of New York and then torn apart in the most recent land-mass movements," she says.

Her latest enthusiasm is coprolites or fossilised faeces. "They tell about the diets of early land animals, such as

millipedes, and the complexity of some of the earliest food webs." Surprisingly, there is no unequivocal fossil evidence for the existence of larger terrestrial plant-eaters during this time period and it seems likely that carnivores actually preceded herbivores onto land.

"The digestion of cellulose, the main ingredient of plant cell walls, by animals is a difficult process. Even today

most animals just don't have the enzymes to do it and rely instead on microbial brokers, such as bacteria, to break down cellulose into acceptable compounds," she says.

Professor Edwards has spent her academic life at Cardiff, starting out in 1969 with a temporary lectureship in botany. She admits she comes from the generation of women who put their husband's careers before their

own. "People of my generation are the end of an age. It was much harder to be a woman in science than now. If in ten years' time there aren't more women in my position, then there is something radically wrong."

When not abroad, her spare time is spent on, yes, more plants, but this time living ones. She is involved in a project to transform a 95-acre site in the extensive grounds of

Middleton Hall, east of Carmarthen in South Wales into a national bottle garden for Wales. In a tiny Key or Edinburgh, it rather than show off dead isolated specimens, it is that this garden would be devoted to whole ecosystems. "Imagine bamboos, ginkgos and magnolias growing on a Welsh hillside or a chance to explore a Newlandshire wood — in Wales!"

## New satellite helps the study of global warming

### The Earth in focus

Environmentalists have never had it so good. First, the "son of Rio" climate conference in Berlin ended last week with an unexpected agreement between nations to cut emissions of greenhouse gases. And later this month ERS-2 — sister satellite of environmental satellite ERS-1 — will blast into orbit.

Scientists have plenty to be excited about. The first European Remote Sensing Satellite, launched four years ago, captured some of the most memorable images in recent years. Among them were the smoke clouds from Kuwait's burning oil wells during the Gulf War, and the enormous landslides caused by the Lander earthquake in California in 1992.

But the £500 million satellite was designed for even greater things. It pioneered an exceptionally accurate way of measuring the sea surface temperature, crucial for monitoring any changes that could support or refute theories of global warming. The Along Track Scanning Radiometer (ATSR), developed at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Oxfordshire, works by scanning a patch of Earth directly beneath the satellite and a

patch a small distance ahead. This means each patch is measured twice. Combining the two results for one patch allows scientists to cancel out cloud cover and obtain a more accurate temperature.

Trefor Edwards is managing both the ATSR experiment and the more advanced ATSR-2 (on board ERS-2) for the laboratory.



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"Global warming is such a hackneyed expression but we are desperate to see if there are any changes," he said. "The physics of climatology is very closely linked to sea surface temperature. It is the sea that heats most of the atmosphere and controls much of the dynamics."

Deforestation is another scourge that will be looked at closely. "Forests are disappearing at an alarming rate and this will give us even more detail about what is happening," said Mr Edwards.

The two satellites will operate in tandem for a short while, just to check that the instruments are giving consistent readings. Then ERS-2 will take over.

Among the other weapons in its armoury is GOME (Global Ozone Measuring Experiment), which will measure

levels of ozone concentration in the stratosphere with unparalleled accuracy.

All ozone-measuring instruments look at how molecules in the atmosphere absorb sunlight. Different molecules absorb different wavelengths, and thus produce characteristic peaks in any absorption spectrum. But the variable nature of the Sun disrupts these readings. GOME measures this "rogue" solar spectrum simultaneously and removes it so that the true spectrum can emerge.

GOME will also better previous measurements because it can see beyond the ultraviolet "blind spot" at the poles. In late winter, the Sun is too low in the sky to allow UV light to reach polar regions. But this is precisely the time at which the ozone-destroying factors build up in the atmosphere. GOME overcomes this blind spot by looking in other wavelengths. Trace gases and aerosol particles can also be detected.

The ERS-2 will complete a near-polar orbit of the Earth every 100 minutes, and will generate a complete map of the Earth's surface every three days. Because the measurements will produce the equivalent of 5,600 pages of information a second, the satellite has to beam it to Earth almost as fast as it comes in. Seven radar stations around the world are standing by for the deluge.

Meanwhile, on night of April 20, Mr Howard and his colleagues will be concentrating on satellite technology for a different reason. "We are looking forward to watching the launch live on TV via the Astra 1B satellite," he said.

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# Shattered idyll of a country garden

The havoc wreaked by burglars in an Oxfordshire village has focused attention on the blight of rural theft, says Giles Coren

With the serialisation of Joanna Trollope's *The Choir* still lighting up our television screens, and a feature-length film of *A Village Affair* promised for the Easter week-end, the provincial saga has never commanded so much attention. But something is amiss in Ageland, as a depressing robbery has highlighted in the Oxfordshire village of Sutton Courtenay.

The background to the story is pure Trollope. Jane Stevens, former wife of English Heritage Chairman Jocelyn Stevens and Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Margaret, lives at The Millhouse, an early-Georgian pile at the entrance to the village (the familiar epithet "sleepy" is too energetic to convey the somnolence of this two-pub hamlet). In the cottage head was found next to his body is a greater one: Was it some belated statement of roundhead sympathy, some reinforcement of a 300-year-old regime?

"I think it was just meanness," says Mrs Stevens, cradling the amputated head in her arms. "They realised they couldn't remove the statue, so they vandalised it. Anyway, Rosemary called the police immediately, but they said they couldn't come for a few days. A few days! If only they could have come sooner, so much could have been saved."

Worse was to come. On Wednesday Mrs Stevens, who was on holiday in the Bahamas, talked to her housekeeper on the telephone. "She said to me: 'I have to tell you, madam, that they broke in again last night. This time they took a large marble bust, a cherub-like statue, and a Japanese bronze eagle [the whole lot was worth a few thousand pounds]. They had to saw off the eagle's leg, which remains attached to the column on which it was alighting. How can they sell that? A bronze eagle with a missing foot is not exactly inconspicuous."

The thought that the new incumbents respected the colonel's death-bed wish, for his beloved 8.5-acre garden to remain open to the public. Mrs Stevens was a keen gardener, and with the help of a troop of part-time volunteers, she had the lawns cut twice a week, the hedges trimmed, the flower beds weeded, and the antique statues in the garden order, opening four times a year to about 1,500 visitors and providing a couple of thousand pounds annually for charity.

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On the morning of Monday, March 13, everything went wrong. Sitting in the kitchen of the house, warmed by the Aga (yes, *A Village Affair* was filmed here, in both the garden and the house), Mrs Stevens recounted her troubles.

"When two of the gardeners arrived for work they immediately noticed that the Cavalier was down, and a few hours later they saw that the lead horse was gone. I had seen the Cavalier, a 38-year-old stallion in lead that the thieves had failed to wrest from its plinth. Now they would have removed that much lead remains a mystery. Why the Cavalier's severed

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Broken image: Mrs Stevens with the remains of her Cavalier. "I think it was just meanness," she says

from Didcot didn't come until Friday. They didn't ask for photographs of the statues or anything. That would never happen in a city."

Didcot police, for the record, point out that the local PC was off work on the days immediately after the robbery, and that when Rosemary first phoned it was to report the theft for insurance purposes rather than to demand a presence.

The decline of the village bobby has been universally lamented, and we know that in the country police are being asked to cover wider and wider areas. "It is time," says Mrs Stevens firmly, "that people in the country-

side got together to do something. There is a great deal of despondency in the area because the police seem unable to do anything. I don't blame the PC, he has to cover other villages as well as Sutton Courtenay, and he can't be everywhere at once." Mrs Stevens suspects that thieves may be moving out into the country from the towns because they know the police response will be much slower.

And of course *The Antiques Road Show* and *Lovejoy* have brought the attention of burglars to the rich and unusual pickings available in country houses and their gardens.

"You try to do something nice for people," Mrs Stevens concludes wistfully, "and this sort of thing rather takes the wind out of one's sails. The statues were here when I moved in. But it is I who must replace them. I don't know if I can afford to open for the public again. Even by speaking out I wonder whether I am helping people or opening myself up to more plunder." If this were really a story by Joanna Trollope it would probably end in tragedy, certainly in drama. So if a man you've never met before suddenly offers you a large Japanese eagle, missing one taloned claw, proceed with caution.

## Heart-warming tales of justice

# And now for the good news

IT WAS Martyn Lewis's fiftieth birthday last week, so, in his honour, I speak of good news. Actually, it has nothing to do with Mr Lewis: it is just that my head is turned by the amazing simultaneous appearance of two uplifting stories about the British penal system. Anybody who tries to talk me out of the resulting flicker of confidence had better watch out, or I will send my friend Martyn round to settle their hash.

The first, of course, is Eric Cantona's community service in which he coaches Manchester schoolchildren. "It is no soft option," says Ms Calderbank of the probation service, and indeed it isn't. For 30 weekday afternoons this temperamental locker-room philosopher, this pouting he-Bardot of ze pitch, will be in charge of a mob of excitable under-11s, mainly boys. There will be a total of 60 groups, 720 children over the whole period; Cantona will have each group for only one session, with barely time to learn their names let alone come to any sort of lazy accommodation with them.

As every teacher knows, the first encounters with a new class are the most emotionally draining. Every day of his community service, this spoilt, adored prima donna will have to confront two new sets of faces, and rapidly adapt himself to them. He will repeat the same instructions over and over again; he will learn things about his own talent, and probably improve his game by thinking back to the basics for the children's sake. They will not see him as an autograph-signing hero, but as a man expiating bad behaviour. The potential effect for good on the children, the footballer, and sport in general can hardly be overrated. I am dazzled.

I wish some equally imaginative and appropriate schemes could be worked out to replace prison for other convicts. Why weren't the Guinness defendants set to do the books for confused VAT victims, or sort out pension disputes between innumerate individuals and government departments trying to bill them of 73p a week? Why are forgers and fraudsters allowed to loaf around in open prisons, instead of being available for booking by charity organisers to do mental-arithmetic tricks and lightning sketches at dull

bazaars? Community service must widen its vision: Cantona shows the way.

The other uplifting story was that of Kevin Callan, the innocent man doing life for shaking a child to death. With one GCSE to his name, but by sheer persistence and determined application, he studied medical and neurology textbooks, corresponded with their authors and at last built up — those experts confirm — an incontrovertible body of proof that the handicapped child died of a fall, not from violence. He had always said he was innocent, and so had the child's mother even after they parted; now he has proved it.

The reason Mr Callan's story is encouraging about the penal — not the judicial — system is that he was able to make this great journey into knowledge at all.

This, remember, is a scruffy young lorry driver with no education, convicted of what seemed to be a casually yobbish act of violence towards a child who aggravated him. He was the worst, the lowest, the least-regarded class of prisoner, both by prison officers and by his fellows. Four years ago, Mr Callan carried the strongest stigma there is. Plenty of people would have liked to see him hanged, discarded as worthless.

YET from this abysmal status he has raised himself, and the system did not stop him. He was allowed neurology textbooks; he had time and light and permission to indulge in what must have seemed a stupid obsession. He may have been jeered at, and no doubt we shall hear his account of that; but was not prevented, as in some countries he assuredly would be. Nobody brainwashed him with compulsory psychiatry or drugs, insisting he was "in denial"; nobody took away his notebook. He was able to correspond with distinguished strangers on the other side of the world about his ideas.

So Mr Callan's most important human rights were intact throughout his ordeal. He has reason to be bitter about the trial: he lost four years of liberty; but our prison system left him enough dignity to use his mind at a very high level indeed. He can be proud of himself, but I think that his prison governor can be a bit proud, too.



LIBBY PURVES

## Face to face with the ultimate cyber-guru

Joanna Pitman meets a prophet of the technological future — and finds herself digitally challenged

I was always aware of being a little deficient in what the computing priesthood refer to as the poetry of the microchip, but it was more than a little concerning to discover on meeting Nicholas Negroponte that I am not only digitally homeless, impoverished and undernourished, but I am also categorised unambiguously as a member of the technological Third World.

"Computers are going to have an increasingly dramatic effect on the quality of life through their application in science, work, entertainment and every aspect of living," he says. "They create a different lifestyle. They change the rhythms of work and life and allow you to have more free time, to be more mobile. You liberate yourself when you become digital."

Still in a state of advanced

mental befuddlement, I enquired gingerly about digital intelligence and an idea of what it might be like to become a member of the digerati. Cyberspace, bits, pixels, they are all in there and are even quite appealing when presented as a means of liberation from our most onerous burdens.

We should expect all sorts of liberation. "It won't be long before students of physics can be taught by Albert Einstein. The potential for new applications of technology is unlimited and developments are happening all the time," Negroponte says.

It also won't be long before we will have ditched our televisions by watching 50-inch players running around on our very own floor, passing a tiny football back and forth. "This model is the opposite of early virtual-reality thinking. All the resolution is provided everywhere. Wherever you look, you will see 3-D pixels floating in space."

It sounds clever. But it gets cleverer. "Tiny computers will appear in all sorts of everyday objects. We might wear computerised shoes that tell us where to go and belts that tell us when to stop eating. There

may, in the more distant future, be computer displays sold by the gallon and painted on to any available space, and CD-Roms that are edible. Alternatively, we may simply be living inside our computers by then."

Negroponte speaks as a man who knows. Far from your bespectacled, saw-toothed, teenage computer nerd, he has been digitally liberated for decades. He gained degrees in architecture and computer-aided design in 1966 and from there was swiftly lured into the realms of the computer. Evidently it keeps him young because, transcending all his loves and obsessions, is the computer and its future — shiny new ideas which he develops, maintains, and cherishes with a dedication that verges on the sacramental.

Every year he covers 300,000 miles, ricocheting around the globe to deliver at least 500 lectures. Many of them servicing the debt of the 94 corporate sponsors of his media lab. At all times he carries with him at least two laptops and bags of clobber, including batteries weighing 10lb and a vast assortment of plugs for international hotels. He is now on a five-week tour taking in Tokyo, Amsterdam, London twice, Paris, Switzerland twice, Dusseldorf and New Zealand.



Negroponte: mapping the future

"Punishing? No no. I enjoy it. That's the luxury of technology, because I can couple my work with my life. I have computers with me all the time and I use Internet wherever I happen to be. I spend about three hours a day checking my e-mail and I'm a bit compulsive about time-wasting. On an international flight I like to use every available minute on line, which is why I have to carry around all these batteries."

Clearly there is still a long way to go and much turmoil in cyberspace to be tackled along the way. Nobody appears to control the Internet, for exam-

ple, and so the scope for misuse is huge. "The average age of Internet users is 23," Negroponte says. "Given that most politicians are over the 35-year-old threshold which divides those brought up on computers and those not, it is not surprising that governments are reacting badly. They are nervous because legal controls are difficult to impose. And because we don't know where cyberspace is, it cannot be patrolled."

"There have already been several cases in the United States where an Internet user, working within the law of his own state, has been arrested for breaching different laws in a neighbouring state where his messages were picked up. With the generic evolution of new systems and ideas, the dangers are potentially legion; but then so are the advantages of empowerment to the digitally fluent."

The true value of a network is less about information and more about community. The information superhighway is more than a short cut to every book in the library. It is creating a totally new global social fabric."

Finding myself practising vigorous yeshmanship in response to concepts of which I have only the vaguest clue, I suspect that I shall only ever meekly follow where Negroponte dares to lead.



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## Matthew Parris



■ Underclass or just unfortunate? We seem unable to do anything about society's misfits except pity them

Coming up the stairs from a London Underground ticket hall last week I encountered, standing on the pavement, one of those people who hawk *The Big Issue*. This is a magazine sold on the capital's streets by homeless men and women. Sellers keep a proportion of the price, and provide a service.

The magazine is good value: 60p and unglorified. Many respected British writers contribute articles free. The young magazine seller was calling out "Big Issue! Big Issue!" in a not-too-confident voice as I emerged into the spring sunlight. He was standing by the pedestrian railings. I had time to look at him carefully before going over to proffer my money.

He was an undernourished, spotty youth in ill-fitting clothes, trousers an inch too short. His arms and wrists were painfully thin, his neck so thin it looked as if one sharp blow would knock his head off. His eyes were watery blue, and his pale, knotted face bore an expression of permanent anxiety, old before his time.

His hair, ill-cut as though by a friend with scissors, was fair, lifeless, patchy; an unevenly sown lawn - lacking nutrients or sun, it had not properly taken. Unshaven, there was nothing you could call a beard, just tufts. I sensed from his features, speech and movements that he was a bit simple: part of that pitiful band on the margins of viability "in the community", without any community, in London.

He could have been anything between 18 and 25, one of those youths that have never had a youth, but moved from a neglected, abused childhood into some wretched travesty of independence as an adult.

He just looked completely bashed-about. But not as a fighter looks. He was anything but a survivor, not canny, not cunning; no warrior from that hard-bitten, street-fighting tribe that cities also produce, well able to take care of themselves and winners in their way. This was just a loser. He looked only confused. You need to be so quick in London, and he was not quick. He was like some broken-winged chick that the fox hasn't found yet.

I went up and handed him a £1 coin. With jerky movements he gave me my *Big Issue* and tried to work out the change. I said, "Keep the change," he said. "Thank you, fellow." He said "fellow". I think out of some desire to answer a friendly approach, but not quite getting it right. Perhaps someone had told him he shouldn't say "sir" and someone else had told him it's rude to say "mate".

I said "all the best then", and moved off. "It's a nice day, isn't it, fellow?" he called to my departing back. And I felt so completely,

dejectedly, sorry for him. What hope, what possible hope, did he have, finished before he's ever started, in London? Manual labour, you say? No, he was not very strong at all. Don't kid yourself that this was some young innocent who only needed a bit of kindness and a break to kick-start him into a self-respecting job. It was far, far too late for that. He was broken: broken, probably, beyond retrieval by the time he was ten. I really don't believe in the possibilities of improving people once they have grown up. I wish I did, but I don't.

More than 70 years ago Margot Asquith wrote: "If you think you are going to influence the kind of fellow who has 'never had a chance, poor devil', you are profoundly mistaken. One can only influence the strong characters in life, not the weak; and it is the height of vanity to suppose that you can make an honest man of anyone."

This youth was probably not an "honest" or even potentially "good" young man. He was a nothing young man. He looked like the kind of shoplifters who always get caught, the abject creatures you see cornered by the police, or handcuffed by the police, a hopeless expression on their pinched faces; and, absurdly, you feel on their side and will them to make a run for it. They drift from institution to institution, from council bedsit and back to court. They cost millions, yet always as an irritant, never as a threat. There are, as Tony Blair has observed, "no votes in them".

We have talked such gibberish about the underclass. We have exaggerated it and thus mis-diagnosed it. The problem about people in the underclass is not that they are a threat or that there are millions of them, but that they are not very many. This young man was no threat to anything but the felicity of my urban prospect.

I wandered over the road, trying not to cry. I detest sentiment which does not point to action. The advancing years are not bringing the intellectual detachment or emotional detachment for which as a boy I hoped: only, these days, unrequited feelings, moral bafflement, and engulfing waves of vast, useless sympathy for people. Just before his final madness, Nietzsche rushed out into the street, flung his arms round the neck of a horse he saw being whipped, and burst into tears. It did the horse no good at all. Nietzsche had no plan for horses. I felt the same stupid, hopeless, self-indulgent pity for this young man.

Graham Greene once observed that you can spot a really cruel man: they cry in cinemas, he said.

He was probably broken beyond retrieval by the age of ten

A generation of instinctive Conservatives feel that the recovery will not benefit them personally

## Electoral alarm clock rings for the Tories

William Rees-Mogg

The Prime Minister's biggest problem is one of political psychology: he has to reverse a negative national mood. This rejection of the Conservative Government is sometimes expressed in an exaggerated form. Conservative support has fallen to 11 per cent in the Scottish local elections. In the press some of the criticisms are hysterical: "It is not enough for a country that has become shamed by the indignity of it all... the air must be cleared of a putrefying party clinging to power," states the leading article in yesterday's *Observer*. What nonsense.

If this were so exceptionally bad a Government, it is unlikely that the Opposition would have moved across so far in the direction of Tory policies. No one questions that Tony Blair is by far the most right-wing leader Labour has ever had. His move to the right has so far been surprisingly successful. He has reassured the middle class, who are voting Labour in unprecedented numbers. His own natural supporters have been delighted by the prospect of Labour winning back power. He has even gained the alarming endorsement of Paul Johnson. This Labour movement to the right would not have been necessary if the Government were now following deeply unpopular policies. If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, the Conservatives must be doing something that is at least potentially popular.

The Conservatives' official line is that their unpopularity is mainly caused by disunity, particularly on Europe. This has the double advantage of putting pressure on the Euro-rebels and of being something that can be put right before the next election. So far as I can tell, it is not true. Ordinary voters do not put Europe very high in their list of anxieties; some at least of the Euro-rebels are well liked. Teresa Gorman, in particular, is regarded as a courageous and outspoken woman - perhaps eccentric, but a torch in the cold grey fog of modern British politics.

John Major has to contend with a political cycle which has produced an anti-Conservative landslide three times already in this century, in 1906, 1945 and 1966. In each case the Conservatives had been the predominant party in the previous 15 years, though in 1906 and 1966, they had already left office. In each case the Opposition of the day had reassured the electorate and was not seen as frightening, although in 1945 the Labour programme was totally socialist. It is as though the British electorate had a built-in clock; they are themselves conservatives, and normally prefer to elect Conservative governments. After ten years they begin to feel bored, and after 15 years they cannot wait to throw the Conservatives out. If this is the primary psychological reason why the electorate has turned against the Government, there is not much Mr Major can do about it. He may have a non-charismatic public personality, but much the same rejection happened to Winston Churchill and Benjamin Disraeli, two of the most charismatic leaders the Tories have ever produced. Charisma might not make little difference.

There are other reasons for this negative feeling. Virginia Bottomley has been criticised for betraying too much like a civil servant and too little like a politician. That criticism could justly be applied to most of the Cabinet, including the Prime Minister. Opposition is a better training

ground than government. The politician in office is like a passenger on a great liner: in opposition the politician is like the crew on a small yacht. It is the only way to learn the seamanship that the present front bench has largely forgotten, or never mastered.

The Conservatives are probably right in their hope that improvement in the economy will produce some gain in the polls between now and the next election. Falling unemployment and low inflation support their claims that economic policy is making

progress. Yet all the polls still show that a majority of people would have more confidence in economic policy under the Labour Party. The Scottish economy is a conspicuous success, yet this has not stopped the catastrophic decline in the Conservative share of the vote. Good economic statistics may help to limit the loss of seats at the next election, but they are not likely to do more than that.

The recession itself must not be forgotten. Many people are still suffering from what happened in the early 1990s. House prices are still 20 per cent below their peak, and perhaps only half the level that home owners

of the late-1980s expected them to have reached by now. High street shops are still depressed or have been closed. The small building industry is still depressed - people are not moving house. The banks are laying off tens of thousands of staff, and are themselves deeply unpopular. The massacre of middle management goes on. All of this has to be offset against the better economic news. Few people feel optimistic about their personal or family finances; many people feel much worse off than they did in 1987.

The recession damaged the family life of the middle class in a way that had never happened before. Small but successful businesses went down; banks foreclosed; managers lost their jobs; wives who had been working for a second salary found themselves the main earners; children had to be removed from private school; sons and daughters found it hard to get into their first adult jobs. This family pain hit the lives of women particularly hard, often at a time when they were looking forward to a comfortable middle age.

All of this is blamed on the Government, which had urged people in the 1980s to start these small businesses and buy their own houses, yet seemed to do little to protect the businesses or to prevent houses developing a negative equity. The Tories led the middle class into what proved to be an economic trap; for that they have not been forgiven. The gates of the trap were only prised

open when Britain was forced out of the exchange-rate mechanism - against the Government's will.

Even though there has been some recovery in the statistics, the early 1990s are still remembered as a period of financial disaster for millions of middle class people who had voted Conservative. Many of them are now too old to benefit from the recovery. The manager who has taken early retirement, the small builder whose bank facilities were withdrawn, and the former home-owner left with a mortgage debt after selling the house will not see their own lives improve with the recovery. They were Conservative voters; they feel that the Government was to blame for a large part of their misfortune; they resent the fact that they have never even had an apology.

John Major will therefore find it very difficult to regain support from this part of the electorate. No one can yet know how the English and Welsh local elections will go. Probably the Welsh elections will be as bad as the Scottish, another explosion of Celtic resentment. In England, some long-term Conservative voters do seem to be coming out of hibernation, or at least stirring in their winter sleep. If one is a Conservative by conviction, and a great number of English voters are, there is little point in turning out one's local councillor in order to protest against Britain joining the ERM in 1990. The English local elections will no doubt be bad for the Conservatives, but they may not be as terrible as the Scottish or Welsh.

John Major could well survive, in these English elections, but he is not a Conservative by conviction, and a great number of English voters are, there is little point in turning out one's local councillor in order to protest against Britain joining the ERM in 1990. The English local elections will no doubt be bad for the Conservatives, but they may not be as terrible as the Scottish or Welsh.

## Who will make the first team?

Peter Riddell on the prospects for the other summer game: reshuffling the Cabinet

Cricket, rather than politics, was, and remains, John Major's first love. He often sounds like the captain of a team going through a rough patch. Complaining of the burdens of leadership, he is frustrated by the dropped catches and reckless strokes of some players, as well as an often fractious dressing room. After a big defeat, there are calls for fresh faces. Mr Major's dilemma, like Mike Atherton's over the past year, is that, whatever the weaknesses now, there are few obvious replacements.

The flaws in the existing team are readily apparent, even leaving aside yesterday's bizarre resignation of a parliamentary private secretary of whom hardly anyone had heard. Last July's reshuffle has had a mixed record. There have been pluses. Brian Mawhinney is a forceful, if at times prickly, Transport Secretary, and Robert Craxford is soothing their lordships. Gillian Shephard's conciliatory approach has built bridges over the national curriculum, although, as she warned, there is now renewed warfare over tight school budgets. Jonathan Aitken has charm and political astuteness, but remains a risky investment because of his past business links in the Middle East.

The main problem is the party chairmanship. Jeremy Hanley was appointed because other candidates were ruled out. Michael Heseltine did not want the job, and anyway was regarded as not up to the demands of the "chicken and peas" circuit. David Hunt was opposed by the whips; Virginia Bottomley was seen as too school-mistressy; Mrs Shephard had not shown sufficient political clout; Mr Aitken was too much of a gambler; and Ian Lang



could not be spared from Scotland.

The choice therefore fell on Mr Hanley, a solid minister of state, largely on the grounds that his openness and good humour would go down well with the Tory rank-and-file, as they have. But the Prime Minister should have been wiser of his inexperience of top-level politics and of dealing with the media. Mr Hanley has over-compensated by talking too much, and has consequently slipped up.

The other main errors of the reshuffle were retaining Mrs Bottomley at Health, and appointing Stephen Dorrell to National Heritage. Having decided to drop John Patten from Education, the Prime Minister was advised that he should not also make a change at Health. While most ministers sympathise with the thrust of what Mrs

Bottomley is doing, they believe she has got the politics wrong by appearing insensitive. Mr Dorrell, a past junior health minister, might have been the right choice then. Kenneth Clarke wanted Mr Dorrell to stay at the Treasury, moving up from Financial Secretary to Chief Secretary, but that was seen as risking too much of a pro-European cabal. For all his acuteness, and interest in unglamorous issues like tourism, Mr Dorrell has lacked the necessary extrovert qualities.

Mr Major will remedy these defects in his summer reshuffle. It will be no easier to find a party chairman than it was last summer, but Mr Hanley could do rather well at National Heritage, with Mr Dorrell

at Health. Much depends on whether Douglas Hurd stays, which Mr Major must wish, since the Foreign Secretary is a pillar of this Administration.

Mr Clarke will continue as Chancellor, even though his outspokenness tests Mr Major's patience, and Michael Howard will probably remain Home Secretary since, despite his mauling by the courts, the police and prison officers, he is giving Tory activists what they want, and he is, above all, loyal, as he showed again yesterday. Michael Portillo's stock is rising. He is now more careful, and avoids any hint of disloyalty. Then, there are largely unappreciated Cabinet stalwarts: Tony Newton, the ultimate insider; Peter Lilley, the most effective right-winger at Social Security; and Sir Patrick Mayhew at Northern Ireland.

The timing of the Scottish inquiry into arms sales to Iraq may influence the prospects of William Wallace and Sir Nicholas Lyell. There is already resentment in Whitehall at the breadth of criticisms in the drafts seen by those named, but it will be hard for the Government to shrug off the report. Mr Wallace, like John Gummer, may anyway be nearing the end of his Cabinet innings. Scott, aside, there is limited scope for changes, not least because few outsiders look ready for the first team. Gerry Malone, number two at Health, is steady and a long shot for chairman, while Michael Ancram, like Mr. Mawhinney a former Scottish MP, could be rewarded for his work in Northern Ireland. David Davis has toughness and no shortage of ambition, while Sir George Young and Roger Freeman are solid rather than exciting. William Hague is attracting praise from the top, but he is likely to be given more time to gain experience.

However, there is little evidence that reshuffles make much difference to a Government's standing with voters. Shuffling Mr Hanley and Mrs Bottomley will, of itself, not win back many disillusioned former Tories. What matters is the sense of direction, freshness and unity. Despite predictable rumblings in the Sunday papers, any hopes of a revival could be undermined by a divisive leadership contest. That is why a concerted operation to back Mr Major will be launched after May's local elections.

Mr Major is often underrated, especially when he is in a fight. He may be mercurial, but he is tenacious. Remember, he grew up as a supporter of Surrey during its run of seven county cricket championships in the 1950s, which owed much to the ruthless leadership of Stuart Surridge, one of Mr Major's heroes.

In a recent and very personal speech at the Surrey club's 150th anniversary dinner, Mr Major noted the similarities between cricket and politics: "The game is uncertain. The career is chancy. But they both have their own charm. Politics is often about nightmares. Cricket mainly is about dreams."

## McMusic

THE DUCHESS OF YORK's predilection for middle-of-the-road music is well chronicled. But there is startling evidence that her taste has slipped towards the piped music beloved of DIY stores, airport lounges and shopping precincts.

So taken was she with the soothing sounds emanating from the speakers on a recent visit to the Windsor branch of McDonald's (a "fast-food" emporium), that she later phoned to ask for a CD of the music, according to the forthcoming issue of *Classic FM Magazine*. She was referred to McDonald's suppliers, TSC Music Systems, a British background music company. Its albums include *A Garland of Favourite Christmas Tunes and Piano and Accordion Tunes creating that Parisian Feel*.

James Abdoel, marketing director of TSC, refuses to disclose the specific nature of the request, but confirms that he readily dispatched the CD. "I've still got her letter," he says proudly, "and we've also had requests from the Al Fayed brothers."

Background music is described

by the Muzak Corporation of Seattle as "a superior business music product". But it was labelled "a criminal offence" by the pianist Alfred Brendel.

The Duchess of York, who was described by Lord Charters, the Queen's former Private Secretary, as "vulgar, vulgar, vulgar", seems to be living up to the "v" word, and clearly sides with the Muzak Corporation.



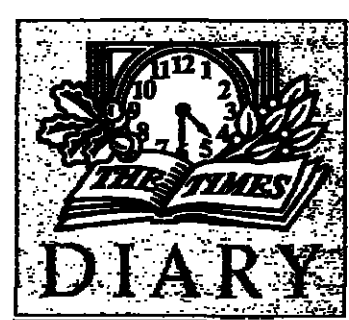
"We're not lost, we must be approaching London"

● BBC2's *The Late Show* may have been axed, but the howling wolf that introduces it may be saved by the skin of its very big teeth. He, or perhaps she (no one is certain), has a fan club. "We get lots of requests for his photograph," a fond spokeswoman tells me, "and we have had letters saying that people will be sorry to see him go. Maybe he will be found a new home on another show. He deserves it."

### Aldiss & more

BRIAN ALDISS, the best-selling science-fiction author, may re-encounter some of his earliest written works if they are discovered where he buried them - in a biscuit-tin in the grounds at his alma mater, West Buckland School, Exmoor. As a 17-year-old, he used to write short stories for his school chums and charge them a penny a read.

But, he admits, they were "raunchy tales of a criminal and erotic nature", and he lived in constant fear of their discovery by the masters. "I used to bury them at the end of every term and dig them up at the beginning of the next. If they had been discovered I would have been beaten and expelled. Of course I couldn't take them home either. I left the last batch buried



there when I left the school." Teachers have promised a thorough search when the summer term starts. "I should be proud of my juvenile writing, but to be honest I rather hope they aren't found," says the author, nervously. Delving schoolboys, however, may like to know that the incriminating stories are buried somewhere in the plantation near the swimming-pool.

### Masquerade

NOW EVERYONE can be Michael Portillo. The teenage glossy popular music magazine *Select* is offering a free mask of the Employment Secretary with every copy of its latest issue.

A very smelly picture of Portillo, slightly bedewed with perspiration,

has been selected for the mask, which has cut-out eyes and comes with a selection of other masks, including one of the actor Burt Reynolds. "Portillo and Reynolds are both attractive to the more mature woman, but I hope they will not frighten those of a more fragile disposition," says the magazine's editor, Andrew Harrison. "We are stressing that people should not try to rob post offices disguised as an MP."

### All change

The new restaurant at the Royal Festival Hall, known as the People's Palace, is taking advantage of its proximity to the EuroStar terminal at Waterloo station. "We hope to be able to lure people who get off the EuroStar with foreign money left over in their pockets," says the manager, "so we will be accepting a variety of international currencies."

### Coast guard

WARRIOR THE GLADIATOR - real name Mike Abernethy - has just agreed to adopt yet another persona. Throughout the year he will be dressing up as the sea god



Neptune no sea weed

Neptune for the National Trusts save the coastline campaign. Enter prize Neptune. As he boasts a 55-inch chest and a 20-inch neck, his seaweed and shell-encrusted costume has had to be tailor-made for him. "We already had a Neptune costume, but

as Warrior is twice the size of the previous chap, we had to scrap it."

The Royal Opera House, promoting department had to make a special cast for his enormous breast-plate.

### Lady's first

THE publication of William Golding's final, posthumous novel, due in June, is keenly awaited by scholars. It marks a significant departure for the novelist, who died two years ago. For the first time his narrator is a woman.

The book, *The Double Tongue*, will be one of Golding's shortest works, at only 168 pages. And it is unfinished. On page 78, the editor notes: "A passage of manuscript is missing at this point."

Nonetheless, Robert Chapman, Matthew Evans, insists the book is "pretty good". The female viewpoint he attributes to a suggestion from Golding's wife: "He was in India on a British Council tour. His wife, sitting in the audience, asked him why he had never written as a woman. It was a case of, 'I have what you're saying. Lady Golding'."

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## WHO GOES THERE?

The ID card is a foolish idea for ministers to pursue

The Government's consultation paper on identity cards, expected shortly, is bound to generate a fierce controversy. Those who believe that compulsory cards would make the streets safer will criticise the voluntary scheme that ministers are thought to favour. Civil libertarians will object that any system of ID cards restricts basic freedoms and encourages the State's worst authoritarian instincts. Voters will wonder why the Government is launching such a contentious policy at such a low point in its electoral fortunes.

The libertarian doctrine that no power should be surrendered from the citizen to the State without clear justification is a sound general principle. What ministers have conspicuously failed to prove is that ID cards do, indeed, justify such a surrender. Their advocacy of voluntary cards merely confuses the issue. Last year, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, predicted that "in time carrying your ID card would seem as natural as carrying a credit card is at the moment." The implication of this is that the Government would indeed like to see a universal scheme evolve over time. But what, if any, would its benefits be?

The weakest claim made in favour of ID cards is that their use would "bring Britain into line with Europe". This is an observation of fact rather than a persuasive argument. It is true that identity cards have long been in use in continental countries, compulsory in Germany, for instance, since 1871. But drawing this comparison does nothing for the case to introduce them in Britain. The cultural and political traditions of these islands are quite different to those across the Channel. Last month, seven EU countries abolished their internal frontier controls under the Schengen agreement. As a result, their citizens will find it all the more important to carry identification and may be subject to spot checks inside their frontiers.

Britons, in contrast, have long believed in strong border controls and — as a corollary — the right to move freely within those borders. Each nation is entitled to choose which liberties it values most.

In doing so, we must judge whether crime would be significantly reduced by the carrying of ID cards. Many citizens would accept this encroachment upon their personal liberty if they believed it would prevent crime or assist the capture of criminals. Most will remain properly sceptical that it would do so. It is possible that identity cards would reduce petty misdemeanours, such as the under-age purchase of alcohol or cigarettes. Yet it seems highly unlikely that serious crime would be much reduced by this new bureaucracy. Ministers have long admitted that terrorism would be little affected by ID cards. Given the technological expertise of today's professional criminals, it would not be long before a healthy trade in counterfeit cards developed. Those most affected by an ID card scheme would be members of the law-abiding majority who dutifully carried their plastic identification as a tedious duty of citizenship.

Here lies the scheme's greatest danger. If it became compulsory, it would create as much crime as it stopped by introducing a new category of criminal — the ordinary citizen not carrying his or her card. Even if the scheme remained voluntary, it could generate considerable hostility to the criminal justice system among those most disposed to support it. When Lord Chief Justice Goddard abolished the ID cards which had been used in this country during and immediately after the war, he observed that such a system "tends to make people resentful of the acts of police". That is a tendency no Tory minister could possibly wish to encourage. The Government should think hard before pursuing this perilous course.

## THE ADVOCATE'S DEVIL

The Lord Chancellor must hold firm on conditional fees

Great pressure is being brought to bear on the Lord Chancellor to redraft his proposals on conditional fees for lawyers, popularly known as his "no win, no fee" scheme. Lord Steyn, the law lord, dislikes the proposals. Lords Ackner and Simon of Glaisdale, both retired law lords, find them utterly repugnant. Lord Hailsham, the former Lord Chancellor, has inveighed against them, calling them "evil" and "immoral". Observers are right to be astonished: these sages of the legal establishment have elected as their target a scheme that will make justice affordable for a wide swath of society, and make litigation easier for the middle class.

Under the 1990 Courts and Legal Services Act, Lord Mackay of Clashfern is empowered to lay regulations before Parliament which will enable citizens to engage a lawyer under a conditional fee agreement. In the drafting of these regulations, Lord Mackay has consulted a wide range of people, including all the professional bodies concerned: he has done so meticulously, which explains in part the inordinate length of time it has taken to prepare this admirable scheme. Yet further delays are threatened by the continuing opposition of those in the House of Lords who hold that conditional fees would be contrary to public policy and destructive of the moral fabric of our legal system.

Their opposition is both out of touch and alarmist. The drastic reduction of access to legal aid has left an increasing number of people stranded. The middle class is too rich to qualify for legal aid and often too poor to consider litigation. Conditional fees, as envisaged in Section 58 of the 1990 Act, are by no means a panacea: but by reducing serious financial risk, they should make justice more accessible to those who are today intimidated by the costs of litigation. It is remarkable that Lord Ackner — for it is his opposition to Lord Mackay's reforms which has been the most feverish — should fail to see the merit of promoting cost-

effective access to courts at a time of financial pressure on legal aid.

Lord Mackay must resist pressure to dilute his reforms. As Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead said in his polished maiden speech in the House of Lords, a proposal that "would improve access to justice should be favourably received unless there are truly compelling reasons why that should not be so". The reasons advanced by Lord Ackner and others are unconvincing. They are based, at bottom, on a belief that it would be grubby for lawyers to charge their clients an "uplift" fee if their action is successful in court; and the prospect of the "Americanisation" of British justice, and of "ambulance-chasers" is invoked with trepidation. The opposition to Lord Mackay fears that this increase in fees would swallow a substantial proportion of the client's damages. Yet as the Lord Chancellor has stated on numerous occasions, the "uplift" will be related to work done, not damages recovered: it is this principle which would distinguish the new conditional fees from American "contingency" fees.

The increase in fees will be expressed as a ratio of the lawyer's normal charges, and there is great disagreement over the proportions. After initially proposing a 10 per cent increase, Lord Mackay raised the figure first to 20 per cent and later to 100 per cent. Critics such as Lord Steyn would prefer a reversion to 20 per cent. It is unlikely, however, that this would be a sufficiently compelling incentive to lawyers: no win, after all, will mean no fees. If a doubling of fees is thought to be excessive, then 20 per cent is too little. The prospective increase must be high enough to tempt lawyers to take on cases in which the client is less than certain of victory: this is where the interests of the citizen lie. Lord Mackay has so far performed his role with courage and conviction. He must now repel this latest attack by a twitchy legal establishment.

## STOP THE DAM

Portugal must protect the art of our common prehistory

Two hundred and fifty miles northeast of Lisbon lies the valley of the Coa river. Thousands of Portuguese protesters are preparing to travel to the area over Easter — and to the somnolent town of Vila Nova de Foz Coa in particular — to remonstrate against a scheme of quite astonishing unwisdom. The Portuguese Government is proceeding with plans to construct a dam on the local river which will inundate Europe's largest open-air site of Paleolithic rock art.

The plans for the dam were hatched by Electra de Portugal, the state-owned power company, with almost no opportunity for serious public debate. No truly independent inquiries were conducted into the dam's cultural and ecological impact, and arguments that Portugal could purchase electricity more cheaply from abroad were brushed aside. The Portuguese Government, it appears, is driven on the matter not by reason, nor by a concern for public opinion, but by the fuel of modernist delusions.

As we wrote last month, the primordial engravings of the Coa Valley are not the heritage of Portugal alone: the art of the earliest humans is the common heritage of us all. Everyman is the common heritage of us all. The protesters who will soon congregate in the valley deserve the most active support of ordinary citizens in other countries of the

European Union. There may be debate and disagreement, both at the margins and in the detail, over what constitutes European values: yet there can be no argument over whether the building of the Coa dam, and the subsequent loss of part of our shared history, is in flagrant breach of those values.

The rock carvings of the Coa Valley are not merely of aesthetic significance. The ancient oxen with their delicately curved horns, the vibrant horses with their bucket-shaped snouts, and the charmingly fat goats are all "documents" of man's long and tortured process of civilisation. The Portuguese protesters — disconcerted by Lisbon's deafness to their objections, and dismayed by the ceaseless work at the site of the dam — are moved both by a sense of awe and by an historical temper.

Their numbers grow, as they add their criticism to that of Unesco and of Portugal's own President, Mario Soares. This is not a simple case of jobs versus art. The rock carvings would be a source of income for the region and could be worth as much, in commercial terms, as the dam. The Government of Anibal Cavaco Silva, however, still insists on its vandal's project. The country goes to the polls in October. None of those who protest at the Coa Valley — ordinary citizens all — will vote for the dam.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Time to review prisons policy

From Professor Sedn McConville and others

Sir, Tomorrow, April 10, marks the centenary of the submission to Home Secretary Herbert Asquith of the Gladstone Committee's Report on Prisons. This committee propagated the twin philosophies of deterrence and rehabilitation, which greatly influenced penal affairs for much of the 20th century. In recent years, however, both the question of rehabilitation and the issue of deterrence have become highly problematic, as has their relationship. The use of punishment by society needs careful consideration, as does the value of imprisonment.

The present state of our prison system, as chronicled in the penetrating reports of HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, Judge Stephen Tumim, is such as to cause confusion in the minds of many members of the public, and even in the Prison Service itself. The valuable recommendations of the 1990-91 inquiry into prison disturbances by Lord (then Lord Justice) Woolf proposed a civilised regime for prisoners, and justice for prisoners, but these objectives have now, to some extent, been overtaken by other agendas.

Lord Woolf's inquiry, moreover, did not have the remit to relate its findings to sentencing policy and practice. We think the time is ripe for an overview, on the scale of the Gladstone inquiry, to propound a sound and authoritative penal philosophy for the 21st century.

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### Easter offerings

From Mr Charles Wylie

Sir, One of the more charming traditions of the Church of England used to be that of digging a little deeper into one's pocket on Easter Day because the offering was an annual one "for the Vicar".

Nowadays, sadly, the amount collected is taken into account when calculating the Vicar's stipend and, in effect, is normally deducted by the church authorities.

Is there no way this custom could be revived, for example by putting our Easter offerings anonymously into envelopes and addressing them personally to the Vicar as a gift?

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
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### Talk radio

From Mr D. J. Bridle

Sir, I watched *Naked News*, devoted to "talk radio", on Channel 4. I was fascinated to learn that opinions which are not those held by the broadcasting establishment could be aired in the United States, and without having to pay a licence fee to a BBC to hear them.

Lynne Truss (Review, April 7) does not appear to like the freedom of others to disagree with the "accepted" opinions of the media.

Personally, I am more worried by her attitude than by Rush Limbaugh and G. Gordon Liddy, two of talk radio's star performers. Where there is diversity we are free to choose and to make up our own minds.

Yours faithfully,  
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### Forecasting change

From Mr John Foundly

Sir, In view of recent pronouncements on global warming should consideration now be given to adjusting the timing before which one is warned that a clout should not be cast?

Yours faithfully,  
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### Hospital closures and meeting the community's needs

From the President of the Royal College of Physicians

Sir, It is hard to convince anyone that closure of established and well-regarded hospitals can lead to benefits to the service (letters, April 7). However, London's health services have been in need of review for many years before the 1992 Tomlinson report, and many of its recommendations were regarded as being sensible. The recent heated debates testify to the perceived imbalance between potential damage and benefits.

Against this background it is easy to forget that the original aspirations, to manage changes in London rather than simply leave them to the market, were laudable. Indeed, it would be a shame if some of the benefits which are beginning to appear on the horizon were lost in the heat of the moment.

The post-Tomlinson reviews of the major specialist services, which were undertaken largely by the medical profession, resulted in well researched recommendations about the focusing and realignment of such services in a smaller number of large centres in and around London. In many instances these recommendations are now beginning to fall into place.

The report focused heavily on the inadequacy of facilities for general practitioner services in London. There are signs that investment in general practice is moving ahead, although it will be some time before the benefits of such investment become apparent, and the expectation that a primary care can reduce the need for secondary care is probably misplaced.

Plans to bring together London's medical schools into a small number of multi-faculty research institutions are emerging and are well supported by the clinical-academic community and major grant-giving bodies. The prospect of clinical and scientific benefits accruing from greater collaboration of hospitals and institutions should not be underestimated.

### Suspended MPs

From Sir Robin Maxwell-Hyslop

Sir, I am interested to note that the Privileges Committee has recommended to the House of Commons that the two Members on whose conduct they have just reported should have their parliamentary pay stopped during the period of their suspension from the service of the House (reports, April 5).

In the last Parliament the Procedure Committee (of which I was a member) was entrusted with the task of revising Standing Orders (Public Business) to meet the current needs of the House. When its recommendations came before the House for implementation or rejection, I tabled one of my own: a new Standing Order that would automatically have suspended Members' pay while they were suspended (since otherwise they would actually have been better off by massively reduced workload while drawing the same remuneration).

When my amendment was debated, the Leader of the House advised against its acceptance, and only Mr Dennis Skinner, MP, and myself carried it to a division (which we therefore lost).

I still believe that the House made the wrong decision then: my hope is that it will now generalise the proposition that a Member suspended for misconduct from the service of the House should not be paid for that period, rather than just particularise it in the case of these two Members.

### To save Burundi

From Mr Abiy Hailu

Sir, Your helpful editorial ("To save Burundi", April 5) highlights the precarious situation facing moderate politicians in Burundi and the need for immediate action on the part of the international community to ensure that today's fragile peace does not become, as you say, tomorrow's "frenzied" genocide.

To this end, the British Government should encourage the European Union to enact with the greatest urgency its decision to send human rights experts to monitor abuses, to assist the Burundi Government in organising a national debate and to support the action taken by the OAU.

The Government should also ensure that the UN Security Council follows events in Burundi very closely, supports the office of the United Nations Special Representative and

### Planning maze

From Mr John F. N. Collins

Sir, If "the number of planning appeals reported in the press is totally insignificant" (Mr Adamson's letter, April 4) when compared to the actual number each year, then equally so is the total number of appeals when compared with the half a million-plus applications received by local planning authorities each year.

That only 4 per cent of these end up as appeal cases does not demonstrate to me that the planning system in this country is long overdue for public scrutiny.

Yours etc,  
JOHN F. N. COLLINS,  
Long Collins Partnership  
(Planning and development consultants),  
Richmond Place,  
125 Boughton, Chester,  
April 4.

The time required and the complexity of the process for effecting these changes may well have been underestimated. This does not, however, make change less desirable. The question of how many beds are really required for London's population is not yet resolved, and the rise, nationally, in the number of emergency admissions indicates the need at least for caution when closure of whole hospitals is being considered.

The slight breathing space, given by the Secretary of State, around Guy's and Bart's might give the time necessary to demonstrate investment in and development of the facilities required to meet the needs of the population. Meanwhile, the rest of the country will take a critical view if the funding directed to London is not put to good purpose.

Yours faithfully,  
LESLIE TURNBERG, President,  
Royal College of Physicians,  
11 St Andrews Place,  
Regent's Park, NW1,  
April 7.

From Mr James L. Bowen

Sir, The problem with London hospitals is that many of them are required to be "all things to all men". Not only are they expected to meet the health needs of the city's residential and working population, but they are required also to provide centres of academic excellence in which research and the teaching of tomorrow's doctors are performed.

One of the fundamental problems, not generally realised, is that these two basic functions, themselves interactive, are under the direction of two separately funded and administered organisations, namely the Department of Health for the former and the Department for Education for the latter, each with their own tiers of bureaucracy where those involved seldom consult with their opposite numbers.

Until these functions are brought

together under one umbrella organisation it is difficult to see how the complementary requirements can be economically and efficiently met.

Yours faithfully,  
JAMES L. BOWEN  
(Director of Administrative Services and Personnel),  
Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School,  
The Reynolds Building,  
St Dunstan's Road, W6,  
April 6.

From Dr John Firth

Sir, As a doctor it is with great regret that I hear of the impending demise of St Bartholomew's Hospital. However, the site should not be lost to medical use.

May I recommend that all seven medical Royal Colleges — of Surgeons, Physicians, Pathologists, Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Radiologists, Psychiatrists and General Practitioners — be amalgamated on this one site, with the eventual intention of uniting to form a British Academy of Medicine.

This would give the strongest, most unified voice for British medicine, with its values and education, in the widest political and European context. It would hopefully decrease bureaucracy, increase the communication between the various "sects" of medicine and be a centre for postgraduate education and learning (the combined libraries alone would be immense).

To prime-jump the idea, every registered doctor would be charged a suitable levy on his General Medical Council fees. The vacation of the many diverse buildings would allow for their other uses or sale. Let us not leave it just to the hospitals to amalgamate.

I am, yours sincerely,  
JOHN FIRTH  
(Member, Royal College of Pathologists),  
144 Tilkey Road, Coggeshall, Essex,  
April 5.

### Misplaced machismo

From Professor Roy Gregory

Sir, In describing the characteristics of MPs (article, April 3) Matthew Parris reminds us that the House of Commons consists of "650 distracted, stressed out, overweight, short-sighted beings of mixed intellectual calibre, mostly middle-aged men".

Why, then, are their political activities widely described by themselves and the media in terms of intense physical effort — often associated with bloodshed, battle and warfare — that is clearly far beyond the capabilities of almost all of them? They fight campaigns. They joust. They engage in gladiatorial single combat. They attack and counter-attack. Ministers like to have "troops" behind them. Opponents are outgunned, routed, savaged and ripped apart.

Seeing that politicians are hardly ever engaged in head-to-head or hand-to-hand struggles, but are concerned rather to set out their stalls in the hope of making a favourable impression on viewers or listeners, the language of the instrumental competition, flower show or beauty contest would perhaps be more appropriate.

Will these curiously macho metaphors of fantasy violence continue to be so frequently used, I wonder, if ever there are 300 women MPs?

Yours sincerely,  
ROY GREGORY,  
Department of Politics,  
Whiteknights,  
The University, Reading RG6 2AA.

### Feeling good?

From Mr Nicholas Nugent

Sir, Why won't politicians of any persuasion come clean and admit that people will never "feel good" so long as technology continues to destroy jobs at an alarming rate?

The remarks by the chief executive of Lloyds Bank that a further 75,000 banking jobs are likely to go (report, April 3) simply add to the long-standing fears of millions of people in many walks of life.

The introduction of part-time working and short-term contracts by many employers is an inevitable consequence of the current trend and does absolutely nothing to persuade people that they should be feeling good.

Yours faithfully,  
NICHOLAS NUGENT,  
Grafton House,  
Norton St Philip, Bath, Avon.

From Mr Alyn R. Jordan

Sir, A further 75,000 jobs will go in the banking sector. Will the relevant boards of directors be reduced in a like proportion and on the same terms?

Yours faithfully,  
ALYN R. JORDAN  
Huggles, 5 Ludkin Square,  
Great Yarmouth, Norfolk,  
April 5.

### Fruitless policy

From Mrs Delma Daly

Sir, Is the only hope for the Government to stop the import of bananas?

Yours sincerely,  
DELMA DALY,  
Fox Hill, West Drive,  
Sonning, Berkshire,  
April 6.

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## COURT CIRCULAR

**WINDSOR CASTLE**  
April 9: Mr Roland Wiseman was received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the insignia of a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

### Birthdays

Lord Brooks, 86; Professor A.E. Buckwell, agricultural economist, 48; Professor Desmond Clark, archaeologist, 79; Sir Anthony Cleaver, chairman, UKAEA, 57; Earl De La Warr, 47; Vice-Admiral Sir Alastair Ewing, 80; Mr Patrick Garland, theatre and film director, 60; Mr A.M. Henri, former president, Liverpool Academy of Arts, 63; Mr J.H. Holroyd, civil servant, 60; Miss Gloria Humford, broadcaster, 55; Mr Owen Kelly, former commissioner, City of London Police, 63; Professor Kathleen Major, former principal, St Hilary's College, Oxford, 89; Mr Stan Mellor, racehorse trainer, 58; Mr David Moorcroft, athlete, 42; Lord Morton of Shuna, 65; Sir Robert Rhodes James, former MP, 62; Mr Omar Sharif, actor, 63; Mr Tom Spencer, MEP, 47; Mr Christopher Stoddart, managing director, GMTV, 45; Mr Paul Theroux, writer, 54; Mr Harry Weblin, chairman, Liberty, 65.

### Christening

The infant son of Richard and Edith Jones-Alvarez was christened Richard Airey by Padre Francisco in Estepona, Spain, on April 8, 1995. The godparents are Miss Herta Schadler and Mr Eithelbert Cowe.

### Colonel Kenneth H. Osborne

The Memorial Service for Colonel K.H. Osborne, CBE, MC, TD, will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London, WC2, on Tuesday, June 13, at 2.45pm. All are welcome and those wishing to attend are asked to notify Miss Christabel Wrigley at 1 Grosvenor Place, London, SW1X 1JH.

### All England Women's Hockey Association

The AEWAH is 100 years old today. To recognise this milestone a reception will be held at the Wimbledon Club with the AEWAH President, Monica Pickersley, invited guests and invited past and present internationals.

## Nature notes

SUMMER visitors are flocking into Britain. The first blackcaps are singing vigorously in copes and large gardens: they are silvery-grey birds with black crown feathers that they raise into a crest when they are excited. The females, which have a little later, have a reddish-brown cap. Willow warblers are filling up the birchwoods, and the first swallows are flying over farmyards. A few wrynecks have been seen: they are mottled-brown birds that twist their heads around like a snake.

Most of the resident birds are now nesting. Nuthatches have taken over large holes in tree-trunks: they plaster up the entrance with mud, leaving only a small hole to go in and out of. Jackdaws also like to use a large cavity in a tree: if

## Today's anniversaries

**BIRTHS:** King James V of Scotland reigned 1513-42, Linlithgow, 1512; Hugo Grotius, jurist, Delft, 1583; John Wilmot, 2nd Earl of Rochester, poet and courtier, Ditchley, Oxfordshire, 1647; Sir John Pringle, physician and president of the Royal Society 1772; Stichel, Roxburgh, 1707; Samuel Hahnemann, physician and founder of homeopathic medicine, Muenster, Germany, 1755; William Hazlitt, essayist, Maidstone, Kent, 1778; Lew Wallace, American Civil War general and author of *Ben Hur*, Brookville, Indiana, 1827; William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, Nottingham, 1829; Joseph Pulitzer, newspaper proprietor, Makó, Hungary, 1847; George William Russell (A.E.), writer, Lurgan, Co Armagh, 1867; George Arliss, actor, London, 1868; Vic Feather, Lord Feather, trade unionist, Bradford, 1908.

**DEATHS:** Joseph Lagrange, mathematician, Paris, 1813; Alexander Nazmykh, painter, Edinburgh, 1840; Giovanni Amici, astronomer, Florence, 1863; Algernon Charles Swinburne, poet and critic, London, 1909; August Lumiere, pioneer of motion pictures, Lyons, 1911; Evelyn Waugh, writer, Combe Florey, Somerset, 1966.

Bananas appeared in British shops for the first time, 1633. The first British settlers arrived in South Africa, Algoa Bay, 1820. The safety pin was patented by Walter Hunt of New York, 1849. The Civil Rights Bill was passed by the American Senate, 1960.

### Legal appointments

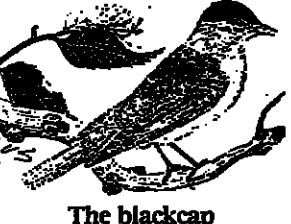
The following to be Members of the Employment Appeal Tribunal: Employer members: Anthony Bridge (Scottish Member), Arthur Manners, Jacqueline Mathias, Alan McQuaker (Scottish Member), Roger Straker, Rosemary Vickers, Bruce Warman, Susan Wilson.

Employee Members: Margaret Prosser, Ann Robertson (Scottish Member), Roy Sanderson, William Speirs (Scottish Member), Elizabeth Symons, Alan Tiffin, Norman Willis.

### Latest wills

Major William Teibert Vivian Lloyd, of Eynsham, Oxfordshire, manager of the Guards Polo Club from 1975-85, and subsequently the Daily Telegraph polo correspondent, left estate valued at £1,094,953 net. He left £1,000 to the Life Guards Serving Officers Trust.

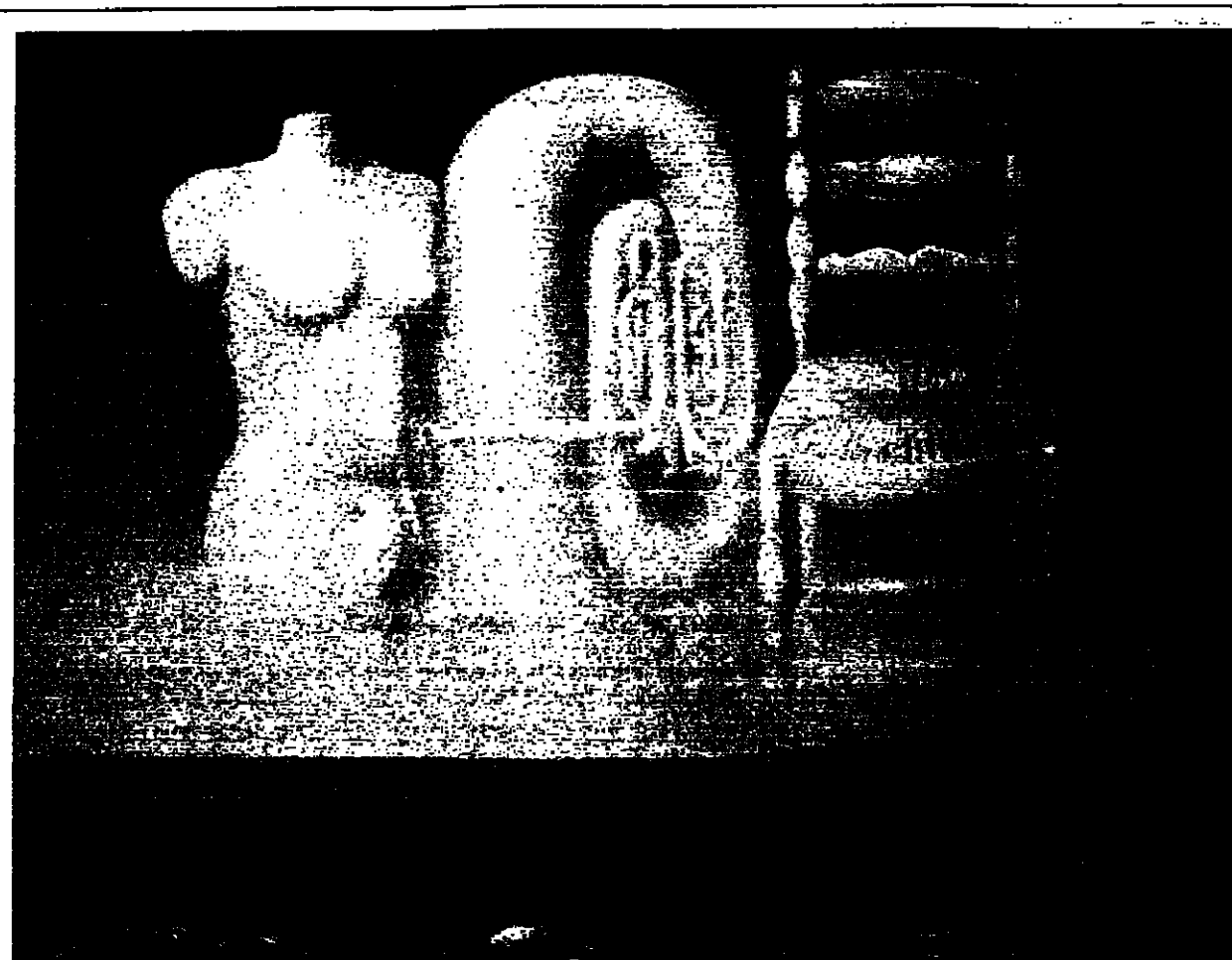
Other estates include (net, before tax): Mr Frederick William Archer of Salisbury, Wiltshire, £1,156,425; Mr George Alfred Griffiths Bone, of Addlestone, Surrey, £566,125.



The blackcap

is deep, they build a platform of sticks inside it, and top that with a bed of grass and fur for their eggs. Pale white wood anemones are opening beside the bluebells, and pink spikes of lady's smock, or cuckoo flower, are out in waterlogged fields. On larch trees, there are red female cones among the fresh green shoots. The clusters of new hornbeam leaves look like folded green stars.

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Magritte's *Le temps menaçant* is among 26 works the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art wants to buy

## Gallery sets sights on modern masters

By DALYA ALBERGE  
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art is attempting to acquire 26 paintings and drawings from a collection of modern classics that is arguably the greatest of its kind in private hands in Britain.

Picasso and Magritte are among works owned by Sir Roland Penrose, who died in 1984. The artist, writer and exhibition organiser was a champion of modernism in Britain, founding the Institute of Contemporary Arts just after the war. He befriended most of the artists whose works the Scottish gallery is trying to buy. His wife was the American photographer, Lee Miller, once Man Ray's assistant. But he was closest to Picasso, whom he described as "the outstanding genius of the art of the 20th century".

The gallery, with which Penrose also

formed a close friendship, hopes for money from the Heritage Lottery Fund, administered by the trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund. The collection is believed to be worth several million pounds. However, a private sale, with its tax concessions, would save the nation almost £1 million. Judging by the enormous popularity of recent London exhibitions on Picasso (at the Tate), Dali (at the Hayward) and Man Ray (at the Serpentine) — which between them attracted more than half a million visitors — the public has a huge appetite for these modern masters.

The Penrose collection includes the most important collage made by Picasso, *The Head of 1913*, one of his most abstract works. It once belonged to André Breton, the founder of the Surrealist movement. The works would complement the gallery's Penrose Library and Archive, which were purchased a year ago with help from the

National Heritage Memorial Fund and National Art Collections Fund. It is an extraordinary archive of correspondence with all these artists, as well as photographs, catalogues, ephemera, and a 10,000-volume library. The works that the gallery hopes to acquire are related in that they are documented in that archive.

The gallery has been given £150,000 by the National Art Collections Fund, Britain's leading art charity. David Barrie, director of the fund, said: "There is nothing to match the Penrose collection, and we are thrilled to be able to give the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art a flying start with this campaign."

The grant is a much-needed boost: the National Galleries of Scotland, which includes the modern art gallery, has had its annual purchase grant of £1.8 million cut by the Government £500,000 for this year, 1995-96, and the two succeeding years.

## Museum offers taste of traditional justice

By JOHN SHAW

VISITORS will be given a convict number when they arrive for the opening of the Galleries of Justice museum in Nottingham today.

Their "offences" could be anything from theft to murder committed from the 17th to the 19th centuries. The number will allow people to follow their convict's fate as they pass through the museum at the Shire Hall.

Diane Lees, 31, chief executive, said yesterday: "The aim is not only to achieve realism but also to show how sentencing has changed down the years. 'One person was transported for stealing a duck. All these cases are real and relate to people who actually appeared at the Shire Hall.'"

Among the exhibits, is the interior of a prison hulk, used to transport criminals to Australia or the United States. There is an audio-visual display of a 19th century trial of three men convicted of burn-

ing down a local silk mill. They were later hanged on the steps of the Shire Hall. Guides will wear period dress and displays will show how prisoners spent their time in the 1800s, picking oakum or sorting rags.

The Georgian-fronted building was the home of Nottingham Assizes and contains two prisons dating from 1775 and 1800 and impressive law courts remodelled in 1875. The building had been empty for eight years and was starting to decay when the museum project began. It was the brainchild of Geoffrey Goldsmith, a solicitor.

Some £2.9million was raised from the city and county authorities, private donations and the European Union. A legal exhibition is planned for the next phase in buildings next door and it is hoped that the site will eventually house the National Museum of Law.

### Church news

#### Resignations and retirements

The Rev David Hirst, Rector, St Michael and All Angels, W. St Gabriel's, Ashton under Lyne, (Manchester); to resign as from April 2.

The Rev Derrick Lowe, Rector, St Benedict, Ardwick; (Manchester); to resign as from March 31.

The Rev Geoffrey Mitchell, Vicar, St James, Woodford (Manchester); to retire as from April 30.

The Rev Geoffrey Morgan, Anglican Chaplain to Coventry University; Coventry; to take medical retirement as from April 1.

The Rev Paul Spilbury, Vicar, St Peter, Lawrence Weston (Bristol); to resign as from August 31.

The Rev Trevor Richardson, Vicar, Holy Cross, Cromer Street and Area Dean of South Camden (London); resigned as from March 13.

The Rev Alan Thredgill, Rector, Wyndham, Edmondsthorpe and Garthorpe, Buckminster and Seaton and Coston (Leicester); to retire as from October 9.

### Woodbridge School

School House celebrates its Centenary on Saturday, April 22. All past members who would like details of events should contact Mr T. Saunders, 0194 382503.

## Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.D. Barker and Miss C.M.V. Dixon. The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs David Barker, of Haynes, Bedfordshire, and Kate, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Dixon, of Hammersmith, London.

Mr J.S.B. Blake and Miss C.L. Jones. The engagement is announced between John Stuart Beaven, youngest son of John Blake, OBE, and Monica Blake, of Estancia, Kili-Aike Norte, Patagonia, Argentina, and Carla Lucy, youngest daughter of Edward and Katharine Jones, of Melior, Lancashire.

Mr J.A. Dallas and Miss A.F. Goodhart. The engagement is announced between Jim, son of Mr Duncan Dallas, of Chapel Allerton, Leeds, and the late Mrs Glendon Dallas, and Penny, daughter of Sir William and the Hon Lady Goodhart, of Clarence Terrace, London, NW1.

Mr N.H. Durrant and Miss W.A. Walker. The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Purkiss, of Perrots Brook, Gloucestershire, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Collings, of Chesham, Buckinghamshire.

Mr S.P. Windsor and Miss P.J. Purkiss. The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Windsor, of Wantage, Oxfordshire, and Pippa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Purkiss.

Mr R.M. Tichell and Miss S.E. McElwaine. The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.L. Tichell, of Fotherne, Wiltshire, and Susie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.E. McElwaine, of Shaldon, Devon.

Mr R.S.W. Willoughby and Miss I. Mackness. The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Professor and Mrs P.G. Willoughby, of St Anne, Alderney, and Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.E. Mackness, of Chelmsford, Essex.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Joanna Grillo. The Hon Thomas Maudslayi, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. A guard of honour was formed by junior members of the Devon Bred Society. A reception was held at the Grin Store, Brossington and the honeymoon will be spent in the Azores.

Mr A.M. Durrant and Miss A.M. Durrant. The marriage took place on Saturday at St Brigid's, Straffan, Co. Kildare, of Mr. Alexander Beetham, son of Marshall of the RAF, St Michael, and Lady Beetham, of South County, Dublin, to Dr Ailbhe Durrant, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Durrant, of Luccan, Co. Dublin. Father N. Reynolds officiated.

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Dr R.M.C. Leach and Miss X.S.L. Clay. The marriage took place on Saturday, April 8, 1995, at the Temple Church, London, of Dr. Richard Leach, of Coler, Wiltshire, to Miss X.S.L. Clay, of London. Canon Joseph Robinson officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mr John Clay, and attended by Mrs Mary Hughes, Miss Rosemary Hughes, Miss Anna Jackson, Miss Parsons and Oscar Baker. Mr William Phillips was best man.

**Service dinner**  
Cambridge Regiment. Mr James Crowden, Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Cambridgeshire Regiment (TA) Officers' Dining Club held on Saturday at Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire. Colonel W.F. Page, president of the regimental association, presided.

**Service luncheon**  
Grapple Association. Air Vice-Marshal B.H. Newton, Chairman of the Grapple Association, and Mrs Newton received the guests at the annual Christmas Island reunion luncheon held on Saturday at the RAF Club, Piccadilly, for officers of the three services who served the Island with Task Force Grapple. Air Vice-Marshal W.E. Oulton, president, attended.

**Harrow Wanderers**  
A dinner was held on Thursday, April 6, in the Long Room at Lord's to mark the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Harrow Wanderers Cricket Club. The Chairman, Mr Richard Coughlin, president, Mr Nicholas Bonford, Headmaster, proposed the health of the Club and Mr Fred Woolley replied on behalf of the Club.

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But the "crown" be native or alien, who size preposterous, only limits the Lord's time to be cut off from the people.

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### BIRTHS

**BODEN** - On 6th April, to Hattie (née Linton) and Nick, a son, Harry Edward John, a brother for Lucy.

**GORDON** - On March 28th, to Rachel (née Brown) and Nick, a son, Alexander, a brother for James.

**NASH** - On 7th April, to Henrietta (née Mansfield) and Derek, a daughter, Martha Jane.

### DEATHS

**AUSTIN** - On April 8th after a sudden illness, Richard, aged 60, of London W2. Much loved brother of Kay, uncle of Victoria and cousin of Adam. Much loved friend of Gill, Sharon and Terence. Cremation at City of London Crematorium, Manor Park, E12, at 12.00pm, April 10th. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research or to Friends of The Royal Free Hospital, London NW2.

**BAISEY** - The funeral service of baby Alexandra Georgina Bailey, daughter of Mr Richard and Mrs Sandra Bailey, will be held at St Mark's Church, Redbridge, Wednesday, 12th April, 11am. Her body will be laid to rest at Redhill Cemetery at 12 noon. "We desire to remember a baby that brought so much joy and happiness in such a short space of time."

**CHRISTOPHERSON** - On 6th April at home, Tony, aged 68, much loved husband of Jean and father of Tony and Peter. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Martin's Church, Ryehill, West Malling, Kent, on Tuesday, 22nd April at 11 am.

### DEATHS

**COX** - On 8th April, peacefully at Moulton, Farm House, Moulton, Northants, after a short illness, Miss Dorothy Cox (née Hamilton) aged 88, dearly beloved wife of the late Mr Robert Cox, aged 88, and much loved mother of Robert and Peter. Funeral service at 11.00am, Monday, April 10th, at 11.00am, at St Peter's R.C. Church, Moulton. Family flowers only. Donations to St Peter's R.C. Church, Moulton, Northants.

### DEATHS

**DERWENT** - Clifford Sydney, beloved husband of Joan, father of Henry, grandfather of Olivia and Thomas. Died at Northampton on 1 April. Family funeral service at 11.00am, Monday, April 10th, at 11.00am, at St Peter's R.C. Church, Moulton, Northants. Family flowers only. Donations to St Peter's R.C. Church, Moulton, Northants.

**EMERY** - On April 2nd 1995, James (Jim) Emery, aged 62, dearly loved husband of Vera, father of David and Peter, grandfather of David and Peter. Funeral service at 11.00am, Monday, April 10th, at 11.00am, at St Peter's R.C. Church, Moulton, Northants. Family flowers only. Donations to St Peter's R.C. Church, Moulton, Northants.

### DEATHS

**GOLDENHILL** - On April 7, 1995, with his wife, Mrs. M. C. Goldenhill, aged 82, of 11, St. John's Road, Croydon, Surrey. Funeral service at 11.00am, Monday, April 10th, at 11.00am, at St Peter's R.C. Church, Moulton, Northants. Family flowers only. Donations to St Peter's R.C. Church, Moulton, Northants.

### DEATHS

**HILL** - On April 6th, peacefully at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harrogate, after a short illness, Mr. Richard Hill (née Hill), aged 88, and much loved father of Richard and Peter. Funeral service at 11.00am, Monday, April 10th, at 11.00am, at St Peter's R.C. Church, Moulton, Northants. Family flowers only. Donations to St Peter's R.C. Church, Moulton, Northants.

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**LOHAN** - On 6th April 1995, Lohan, husband of Doris Lohan (née Lohan), aged 88, and much loved father of Lohan and Peter. Funeral service at 11.00am, Monday, April 10th, at 11.00am, at St Peter's R.C. Church, Moulton, Northants. Family flowers only. Donations to St Peter's R.C. Church, Moulton, Northants.

### DEATHS

**RAY SPURDIN** - On 20 March, Ray Spurdin, aged 80, and much loved husband of Jean and father of Tony and Peter. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Martin's Church, Ryehill, West Malling, Kent, on Tuesday, 22nd April at 11 am.

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OBITUARIES

EDMUND HAMBLBY

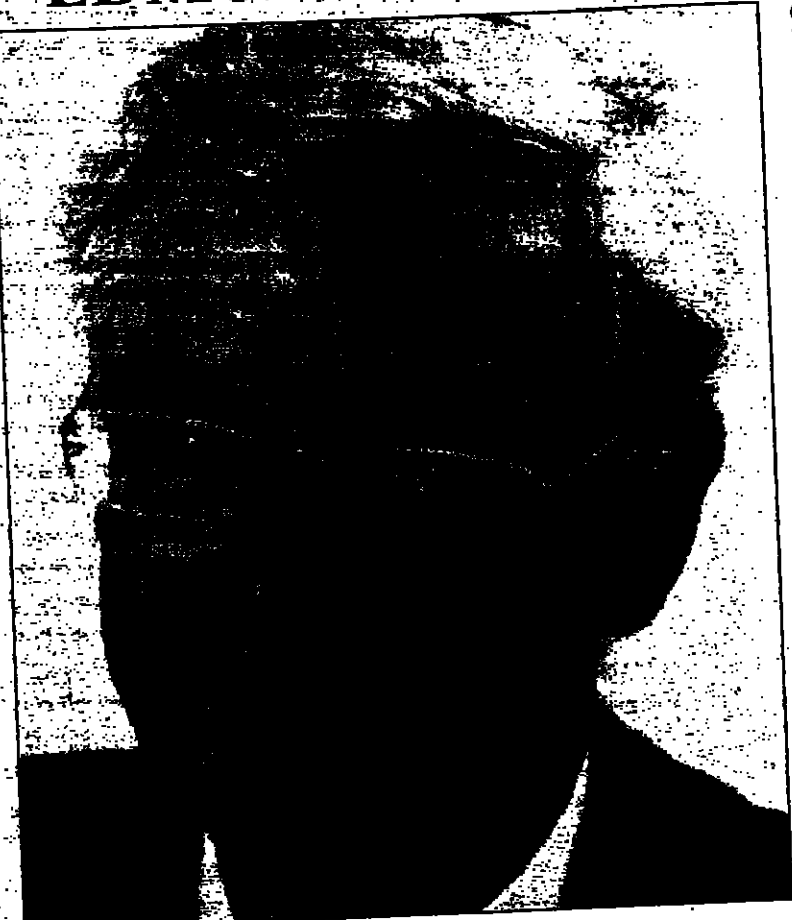
Edmund Hamblby, civil engineer, died from a heart attack on March 28 aged 52. He was born on September 28, 1942.

EDMUND HAMBLBY was in the middle of his term of office as the second youngest president of the Institution of Civil Engineers this century at the time of his death. He was an outstanding engineer, combining analytical brilliance with a highly creative and practical approach to the design and construction of major civil and off-shore structures.

Born into a Quaker family, Edmund Cadbury Hamblby was the son of Edmund Henry Hamblby, a surgeon, and his wife Elizabeth Mary, whose grandfather was George Cadbury, the founder of Bourneville. From an early age he enjoyed making things and by the time he was 12 he was clear about his engineering vocation. At school he found learning hard work and his initial progress at Eton was slow as he struggled with Classics. But his housemaster, Donald Bousfield, spotted his gift for mathematics (as well as for mischief) and from then on he caught alight and progressed rapidly.

After teaching in Kenya for nine months, where he felt that life really started for him, "Tim" Hamblby went up to Cambridge to study engineering at Trinity College, graduating with first-class honours with a distinction in Mechanical Sciences and the university prize in theory of structures. He stayed on to do research in soil mechanics under Professor Kenneth Roscoe, whose demanding high standards of thought, presentation and commitment had a profound influence on him. He invented and built a most elegant and intricate piece of apparatus for subjecting rectangular prisms of clay to large uniform strains.

Elected to a research fellowship at Emmanuel College in 1967 he looked set for an academic career. However, he realised that specialisation was inhibiting his creativity and after obtaining his PhD in 1969 he resigned his research fellowship to go into industry. His early industrial career was devoted mainly to the design and construction of bridges and, in order to gain experience, he worked in quick succession for Ove Arup and Partners, Kier Ltd, and Gifford and Partners. Initially, obtaining work was difficult and between (and indeed during)



projects Hamblby devoted much time to writing technical papers and books - for an engineer running his own practice his output was prolific. His first book *Bridge Deck Behaviour*, published in 1976 emphasises the importance of the physical understanding of complex behaviour coupled with simple analysis, both hallmarks of Hamblby's work. A second highly acclaimed book followed in 1979, *Bridge Foundations and Sub-structures*, which contains a wealth of good practical guidance based on interviewing a number of practitioners. His approach was characteristically humorous and self-effacing: "If I had been well known they would have quoted the most advanced or respectable design methods. As I was not, they shared with me the simple practical methods they actually used on a day-to-day basis."

expertise. In 1980, when investigating the failure, with loss of life, of a drilling platform in the Gulf of Mexico, he formed the opinion that another manned platform had critical faults in its design. After lengthy calculations and much heart-searching he informed the owner of his concerns. The rig was taken out of commission and an independent check confirmed his doubts. A second similar episode proved much less straightforward and caused Hamblby great anguish. Arising out of his experiences of warning about potential disasters he persuaded the academy that there was an important need to develop guidelines on the procedures to follow. He was appointed chairman of a working group and organised a most successful conference in 1991 at which the guidelines were agreed and issued. It is no coincidence that, following on from this work, he made a detailed study of the realistic evaluation of risk.

Hamblby was a fellow of the Institution of Civil, Structural and Mechanical Engineers. He served on the councils of the former two institutions and was chairman of the Offshore Engineering Society in 1989-90. In 1990 he was invited to be vice-president of the Institution of Civil Engineers and his refreshing independence of thought, and decisive but democratic and good-natured style of chairmanship, marked him out as someone very special. He took up the office of president in November 1994 and his presidential address was memorable for its lively and unusual presentation. He threw himself wholeheartedly into his presidential duties and visits, showing a genuine interest in all whom he met, and encouraging open questioning and debate.

In an age of increasing specialisation Hamblby remained broadly based, allowing him to tackle an exceptionally wide range of engineering problems together with their ethical and social implications. In spite of ever-increasing demands on his time he lectured regularly at the Royal Institute and was a visiting professor at the University of Oxford. He was an outstanding teacher who, drawing extensively on his own experience and making use of models which he had built himself, inspired young people with the excitement of engineering.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth and by three daughters and a son.

CONTESSA EDDA CIANO

Contessa Edda Ciano, eldest child of Benito Mussolini, died in Rome on April 8 aged 84. She was born at Forlì on September 1, 1910.



EDDA CIANO was Mussolini's favourite daughter and, as a fervent admirer of Hitler, was instrumental in persuading her father to enter the Second World War against the Allies. However, she turned against Il Duce and renounced his name after he ordered the execution of her husband, Count Galeazzo Ciano, for his part in the Fascist Grand Council's revolt against Il Duce when it was clear that the war was lost. Her tragedy came to symbolise the dramatic plight of Italy as its people sought to shake free of the last throes of dictatorship in the closing stages of the conflict.

Throughout her life she captured the imagination of Italians. As an independent young woman she was good public relations for her father, embodying a futuristic vision of dynamic Italian womanhood. It was claimed she was the first Italian woman to drive an automobile and the first to wear trousers.

After she married the handsome Count Ciano, diplomat and future Foreign Minister on April 24, 1930, her independent lifestyle was a subject of fascination for gossip in Rome high society. Both were reputed to enjoy a series of extramarital affairs and she nicknamed the count "Gallo," a pun on his name and also the Italian word for a cockerel.

However, her love for her debonair aristocrat endured in spite of, or perhaps because of, his infidelities and she implored her father to renounce his decision to place his son-in-law in front of a firing squad in 1944. His crime was to vote against Mussolini as part of the Fascist Grand Council in 1943, precipitating an order for Il Duce's arrest by the Italian King, Mussolini subsequently fled to the north where the German puppet state of Salò was established and Count Ciano fell into the hands of Il Duce's diehard supporters. "For me you are no longer my father," she wrote to the dictator, "I renounce the name of Mussolini."

When Edda was born in 1910 in the northern town of Forlì, Benito Mussolini was at the time impoverished but considered a dangerous socialist political agitator by the Italian police. Her mother, Rachele, was not to marry him for another five years. Her illegitimate birth started off speculation that her real

mother was another socialist militant, the Russian Jewess Angelica Balabanoff. Mussolini denied this, saying he "would prefer to couple with a female ape."

Rachele described Edda as "wild" and a story circulated in the family that as a young girl, she ran off with a band of gypsies. Mussolini was devoted to his eldest child and used to play the violin to lull her to sleep. After her father became Prime Minister she was sent to the smartest finishing college in Italy, the Poggio Imperiale in Florence, and the family moved from its modest house in Milan to the Villa Torlonia in Rome.

Edda was 20 when she met Count Ciano at a party in the Eternal City given by the Princess Resy Valguarnera di Villermosa. A previous engagement to another young nobleman, Count Pier Francesco Orsi Mangelli, had been broken off ten days before because this suitor had enraged Mussolini by asking Edda how big a dowry her father would provide.

The Ciano marriage in 1930 was followed by the golden era of Fascism. Her husband was posted to China as Italian Ambassador and subsequently became Minister of Culture and then Foreign Minister. Edda was at the centre of the most fashionable Rome salon, presided over by Princess Isabella Colonna, playing poker and drinking gin in the company of many elegant chaperons. She admired Hitler and pressed her father to enter the war against the Allies. "The country wants war, neutrality

is dishonour," she shouted at him in his office in the Piazza Venezia. Three years later she reversed her opinion while pleading for Ciano's life at Gargnano sul Garda. "You are all mad, the war is lost," she told Il Duce and his aides.

After the execution of "Gallo" and during her subsequent exile on the island of Lipari "Deda", as the count had called her, maintained a disdainful public silence, privately blaming both Hitler and Rachele Mussolini. She did, however, place her husband's diaries in the hands of Allen Dulles of the CIA.

She moved back to Rome and in 1975 spoke of her life for the first time in her autobiographical confession *La Mia Testimonianza*. By 1990 her recollections of her father had mellowed sufficiently for her to define as "frightful" the title of a book written by her son Fabrizio: *When Grandpapa Had Papa Shot*. Three years ago she set the seal on her forgiveness for her father when she attended a Mass in his memory.

In her last years she was a familiar figure to her neighbours in Rome's via Paolo Frisi where she ministered to a large number of stray cats. The contessa also carried a photograph of her favourite feline Pippo in her purse between pictures of Galeazzo and Mussolini. She owned a villa in Capri, subsequently sold, where she housed Pippo and would send him postcards from Rome, asking her servants to leave them on the floor for him to sniff. She is survived by two of their three children.

ALEXANDER BIRCH

Alexander Birch, CMG, OBE, former Deputy High Commissioner in Australia, died on March 6 aged 82. He was born on January 19, 1913.

A DIPLOMAT in the Soviet Union and Hungary just after the Second World War, when relations between East and West were at a particularly low temperature, Alex Birch resisted several onerous attempts to subvert him. On one celebrated occasion a swishing temptress turned up at his Budapest flat, wearing nothing - it quickly transpired - beneath her fur coat. But in Birch the Communist authorities had met their match. The bait in the honey trap was soon sent packing.

Few servants of the Foreign Office can have had quite such a variety of postings. These took him to Africa, the Middle East and West Europe and Australia. Fewer still can have been quite so honest and outspoken - perhaps too much so, in Birch's case, for his own good.

He was a natural linguist, thanks partly to his own family background. Born Alexander Hope Birch, the son of a British businessman in Cairo's then large expatriate community, he was educated in Alexandria, then in Paris - the city which he loved most throughout his life.

By the age of 15 he spoke not only fluent Arabic but perfect French. He joined the British Consular Service in his home city of Cairo in 1937 and served there for five years before being sent to Addis Ababa in 1942 to help re-establish the British Embassy after the Italian occupation had been ended.

Birch had embarked on what now reads like a professional world tour. Thereafter

he went to Moscow in 1946, Budapest 1947, Tel Aviv 1949, Baghdad (as second secretary, information) in 1950, Seoul (as first secretary and consul) in 1951, Jakarta in 1954, Khartoum (as first secretary, commercial) in 1956, Paris (as a counsellor) in 1961, Baghdad in 1965 and Accra in 1967. He was appointed OBE in 1961 and CMG in 1970.

Towards the end of a career in which he managed, with remarkable success, to steer clear of Whitehall, he went to Perth in Western Australia as Deputy High Commissioner for three years before retiring at the age of 60 in 1973.

After leaving the Diplomatic Service Birch was offered the chance of service in the Caribbean as adviser to the Prime Minister of Antigua. It was the stand which he took against drug-running and other organised crime on the island which eventually persuaded him, for reasons of personal safety, to move back to Britain in 1975, turning down the offer of an extension to his contract.

For the last 20 years he lived quietly in Clevedon, reading, walking and retaining an interest in foreign affairs. His views were as trenchant as ever, frequently leading him into fierce arguments and quarrels. An amateur boxer and rugby player when young, he retained his combative spirit to the end. But he had a wide circle of friends and never lost any of them for very long.

Alex Birch's first marriage was dissolved and his second wife, Joan, whom he met while serving in South Korea, died in 1982. Deeply depressed by her death, Birch recovered, only to be diagnosed two years ago as suffering from terminal cancer. There were no children from either marriage.

William LeFanu, librarian, died in Norwich on April 1 aged 90. He was born in Bray, Co Wicklow, on July 2, 1904.



THE Royal College of Surgeons of England was fortunate in 1929 to recruit as its librarian William LeFanu at the age of 25. When he retired in 1968 he had become the foremost British medical librarian of his time. He was the driving force who transformed a library, then something of a backwater, into a centre of research linked to other postgraduate medical libraries and closely associated with the teaching hospitals.

This tall, aristocratic-looking scholar with a privileged classical education has left London's medical studies deeply in his debt. He was so modest that he would impart his discoveries and his suggestions for better working practices as if he were plucking your sleeve to remind you of something which you had always known.

Funded by the Rockefeller Foundation and with the aid of a Canadian colleague, he undertook a survey of London's medical libraries and proposed their co-operative reorganisation. The outbreak of the Second World War in 1939 led to the evacuation of the Royal College of Surgeons Library to a country castle, but LeFanu stayed in London and organised the supply of periodicals.

The college in Lincoln's Inn Fields was destroyed by German bombing, but during its rebuilding and reorganisation the library became a vital resource in the reborn RCS, now a large graduate teaching and research institute within the University of London. As the rebuilding proceeded

LeFanu found time to share his enthusiasm for reorganising medical libraries. He founded the medical section of the Library Association, the Rare Books Group and became an honorary fellow of the RCS in 1971. He was chairman of the London meeting of the International Congress of Medical Librarians and vice-president of the meeting in Washington in 1963.

His gentle, unassuming personality led more and more institutions to ask for his help. He was chairman of the Royal College of Nursing library committee and visiting lecturer at McGill in 1963 and at Dublin in 1976. He worked hard to develop concern for the history of medicine with American scholars, and spoke at many American colleges between 1951 and 1974. He also served on the councils of the Bibliographical Society and the Royal Society of Medicine.

Such generosity with his time might have inhibited his own publications, but these appeared regularly for the last 55 years of his life. In 1938 he published *British Periodicals of Medicine 1684-1938*. His bibliography of Edward Jenner (1951) and his study of the writings of Ne-

miah Grew, the 17th-century botanist who was perhaps the first to observe sex in plants (1990), have become classics of their specialist kind. He compiled *The Lives of the Fellows of the RCS*, England in four volumes (1930-1981), the *Catalogue of the RCS Portraits*, as well as writing regular reviews in British and foreign journals.

He constantly made life easier for others, notably for Sir Geoffrey Keynes, the RCS honorary librarian, who was editing the complete works of Sir Thomas Browne; LeFanu provided the translation of all the Latin sections. It was typical of LeFanu's courtesy that he always moved out of his librarian's chair when Keynes came into his room.

LeFanu's interests included his unusual orchard in Essex, the activities of the Linnean Society, the Huguenot Society, and all things Irish. His father had been Commissioner of Public Works in Dublin and LeFanu inherited and published *Betsy Sheridan's Journal* (1960), as well as a catalogue of the works belonging to Dean Swift. He enjoyed his rare books and pictures, including a portrait of an ancestor who had escaped Catholic persecution as a small girl in Bordeaux, hidden in a barrel of apples. He was tolerant and tentative in his approach to religion, claiming that his mind was not acute enough to understand the Creed.

His greatest love was for his family. He married the composer Elizabeth Maconchy in 1930 and she predeceased him by five months. For years he used to keep a small, scratchy transistor in his desk at the RCS and would retire to listen whenever his wife's music was broadcast, returning with a satisfied smile. He is survived by their two daughters.

DEREK HARRIS

Derek Harris, journalist, died on April 6 aged 66. He was born on February 3, 1929.



BUSINESS stories and writing poetry provided the contrasting professional aspects of Derek Harris, a dedicated journalist who yet would always find time to help out a colleague. His accuracy, conscientiousness and reliability led to his holding a succession of senior posts on *The Times* business news section.

Anthony Harris was born at Littleover, Derbyshire. The headmaster at the local church school recognised his talents as a writer and helped him to start as a copy boy at the *Derby Evening Telegraph*.

After a two-year break for National Service, mainly spent as official shorthand writer at the War Office, he was put in charge of a branch office. As a young man, with his dark hair, long stride and liking for motorcycles, he cut a dashing figure.

Harris was recruited by the *Kensley-owned Manchester Evening Chronicle* in 1951 to cover Wythenshawe. Puzzled that slum clearance families

were returning a Conservative MP, he conducted door-to-door inquiries for a general election story. He found the answer: "We've got a bathroom now."

Promoted to medical correspondent, he campaigned with one of the two Salford MPs, Frank Allau, for an appointments system for hospital outpatients. At the time everyone

was told to turn up at 9am and sit there until the consultant got round to seeing them. He transferred to the *Kensley group's* London office as the *Evening Chronicle's* London editor and became assistant news editor for all *Kensley's* regional newspapers.

A move to *The Sunday Times* in the early 1960s saw him in charge of production of the successful and separate business section and when the Thomson family bought *The Times* he switched to a similar role on the daily, helping to establish a section of equal size and stature.

Harris wanted to return to writing and, after a spell as news editor, he became commercial editor and then industrial editor. He launched the weekly column for small businesses in *The Times* and led the writing team producing the award-winning monthly *facilities management* pages.

Derek Harris died from pleural mesothelioma, a tumour associated with exposure to asbestos. He is survived by his wife, whom he married in 1952 and by two sons and a daughter.

RAF College Cranwell

Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Wilson, Air Member for Personnel and Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Personnel and Training Command, was at the reviewing officer of the graduation of 98 officers of No 156 Initial Officer Training Course from RAF Cranwell on Thursday.

Graduating Officers:  
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Pilot Officers: S A Clayton, LLB, P Goodfellow, BA, M F Pocock, BSC.

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Flying Officer: B W Jopling, QGM.

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Pilot Officer: L R Sadler.  
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Pilot Officer: V E Sibley, BA, G D Williams, BSC.

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Flying Officer: J A E Crabtree, BA, P J Wheeler.

Pilot Officers: H S Fletcher, BA, M Sylvester-Williams, BA.

Administrative Branch - Secretariat:  
Flying Officers: A S Burns, BA, J Goodwin, BSC, J R King, MBE, J W Riddell, L M Smith, BSC.  
Pilot Officers: K L Fitzgerald, BSC, J R Kimber, MA, F D Marton, BA, S J Priestnall, BSC.

Acting Pilot Officer: G A Moody.

Administrative Branch - Education:  
Pilot Officer: L C Posthumus, BSC.

Administrative Branch - Flying Officer: R M Nichols.

Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs:  
Pilot Officer: A J Hajari, BA, M Al Naimi.  
Pilot Officer: G N G Al Al.  
Pilot Officer: S I A Al Harasi.  
Pilot Officer: H A Al Saadi, BA.  
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FUTURE OF THE COALITION

GROWING PARTY TENSION

From Our Parliamentary Correspondent

Mr. Bevin's week-end speech and Mr. Bracken's reply to it yesterday on behalf of the Conservatives suggest that the Coalition Government has entered upon its last phase, and that this may not be of long duration. It was foreseen when the Labour and Liberal parties decided that they must fight the next general election independently, that the general election would become a contest of the Coalition Government against the Labour and Liberal parties. The Coalition Government is removing the compulsion to national unity in the political atmosphere is becoming more heavily charged.

The Minister of Information's reply to Mr. Bevin yesterday attracted special attention because of Mr. Bracken's close association with the Prime Minister, but it is believed that the Minister made his speech without any consultation with Mr. Churchill. The Prime Minister has consistently expressed the view

ON THIS DAY

April 10, 1945

There was a growing feeling that the war in Europe was nearing its end and the members of the political parties that made up Winston Churchill's Coalition Government were beginning to think about a general election.

that it would be wrong to break up the Coalition Government before the end of the war with Germany. And so far as any such decision rests with him he is unlikely to change his view.

The Labour Party themselves have tacitly accepted the position that the Coalition would continue till the "cease fire" in Europe. But the official statement issued by the national executive of the party last October did not go beyond saying that in their view "participation in the Government should continue just so long as in the opinion of a party conference, it is necessary in the national interest and for

fulfilling the purposes for which the Government was called into being." It was in the same statement that the national executive expressed the view that when the time came to end a Government which was described as having been "a great partnership" the dissolution should be accomplished with dignity and good feeling, and that "it would be an unworthy thing for so great an adventure to end in squallid bickerings." The Labour Party will meet again in conference at Whitstable and if the official ending of the war before then does not precipitate events this will certainly be an important date in the political calendar.

PETROL FOR FORWARD ARMOUR

Air transport continues to be used on a big scale to keep our advanced armoured columns in Germany on the move. The approximate petrol consumption of an armoured division is 100,000 gallons a day. Yesterday allied aircraft flew in sufficient to supply the day's needs for five armoured divisions. The biggest quantity of petrol supplied in a single day since the advance into Germany was on April 4, when 669,465 gallons were carried to advanced bases in Germany by almost 2,000 aircraft. The average quantity supplied during the past week has been roughly 500,000 gallons a day.



# On course for prosperity

The area that helped to found an empire rises again, says John Grigsby

If the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton, the dockyards of Deptford could justly claim credit for victory at Trafalgar and the foundations of nearly three centuries of British naval power.

Now Deptford is fighting another battle: to reverse the legacy of decades of decline, helped by the Government's City Challenge programme. Although the area is now one of the most deprived in London, until the later years of the last century it was the home of a vigorous community of artisans with its foundries, coopers' yards and sailyards.

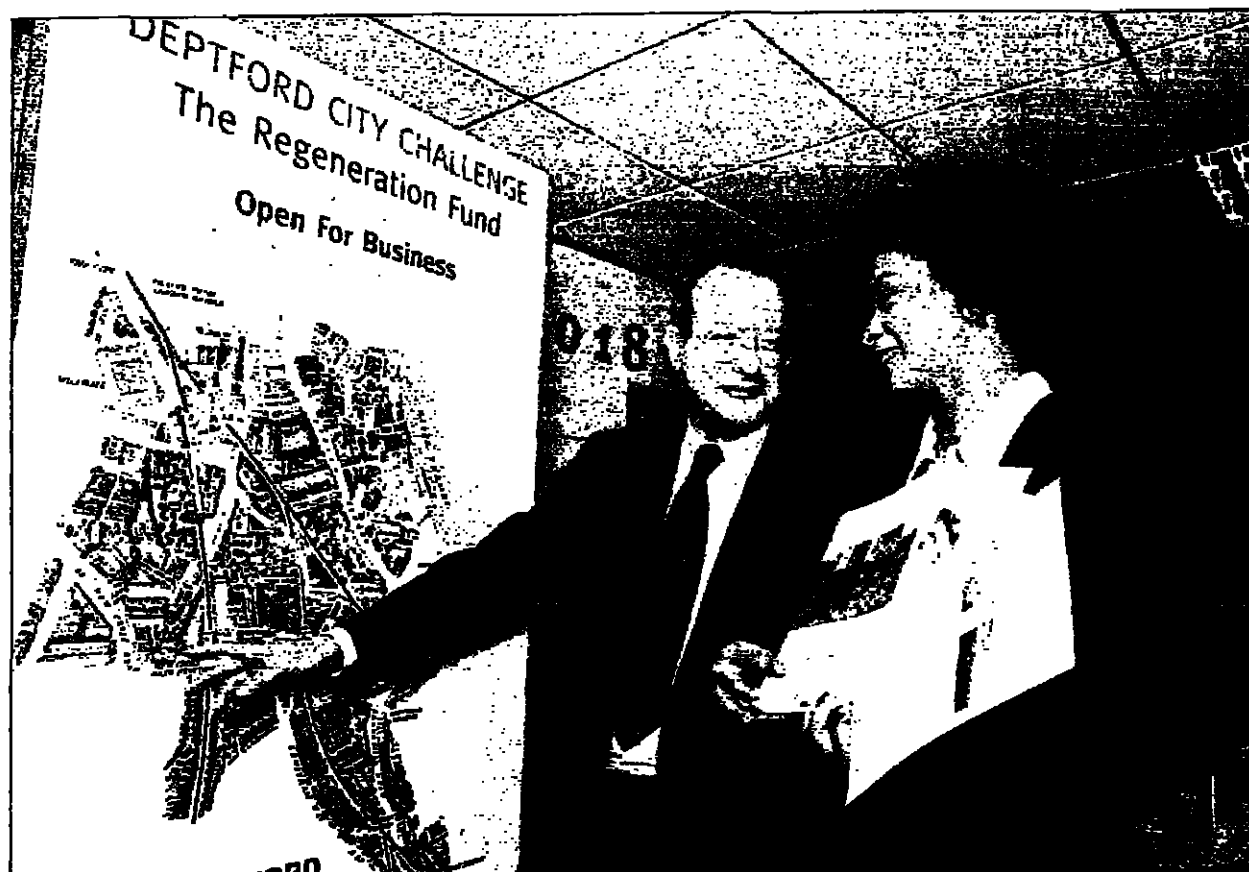
Monuments to its past prosperity remain, notably Thomas Archer's magnificent Baroque church of St Paul, and E.A. Rickards's Deptford town hall with its carvings of ships — the home of the City Challenge team — and fine Georgian and Victorian houses.

The late 20th century has contributed the "New Den" all-seater stadium for Millwall Football Club.

On the map, Deptford occupies a strategic position which is being promoted by a television advertising campaign created by Saatchi and Saatchi. It is only four miles from Tower Bridge and a mile from the tourist destination of Greenwich.

Nicholas Pearce, deputy chairman of Pearce Signs and a member of the Deptford City Challenge Board, says: "Being located in Deptford is ideal for a business such as ours. We have good road and rail access to central London, so we can be quick and responsive to customer needs. We also have a lower cost tax base than other areas close to the heart of the capital."

Yet until the Docklands Light Railway and the Jubilee Line extensions arrive, it lacks



David Sainsbury with Susan Angoy, chief executive of Deptford City Challenge, at the launch of the regeneration fund

a direct public transport link to the heart of Docklands with which it has been identified for centuries. Deptford also has most of the problems of run-down inner areas and its progress is being watched by cities all over Britain.

Deptford suffered badly from the recession. Between June 1990 and November 1992, unemployment in the three wards of Evelyn, Grinling Gibbons and Marlowe, the area covered by City Challenge, rose by 72 per cent.

Yet in that year, Labour-controlled Lewisham Borough Council succeeded in the first round of the competition for City Challenge funds and so guaranteed the project £37.5 million over five years. Since then, Deptford has made a remarkable comeback.

The City Challenge team estimates that the programme has created more than 1,800 permanent jobs and preserved 284 since the project started, against a target of 3,000 new and 1,000 preserved jobs by the end of March 1997.

It has now earmarked £6 million for a regeneration fund to attract businesses and make sure that the momentum continues when City Challenge ends. The fund was launched last month by David Sainsbury, chairman and chief executive of J Sainsbury plc, which is planning a new store in the area.

the resurgence of the area. Mr Liddell sees the key to recovery as a partnership, not only with the private sector and the council, but with tenants' groups and other members of the community and voluntary organisations.

"The economic changes had left areas like Deptford to fend for themselves. If they had

**'We have good road and rail links to central London as well as a low cost base'**

About £1 million of this will go towards the proposed new Docklands Light Railway station. For Richard Liddell, the chairman of the City Challenge Board and a former site chief executive for Siemens, the electronics firm, the transport links provided by the Jubilee Line and the Light Railway are vital to

been in Wales or Scotland, millions of pounds would have been poured into them.

"Now Deptford has its chance and must make sure that there is a basis on which the private sector can build after City Challenge winds up. We need the big firms in the area involved as well as the smaller ones."

## A new solution to problems of decay

City Challenge was a success — but did it help to hide the truth about shrinking budgets?

City Challenge, which was launched by Michael Heseltine in 1991 in his second incarnation as Environment Secretary, introduced the fundamental element of competition into councils' bids to obtain government help in tackling the problems of inner cities. John Grigsby writes:

It has now become the bedrock of the Government's approach to both urban and rural deprivation.

The City Challenge programme committed £1 billion over five years to regenerating run-down urban areas in England, but it was limited to the 57 urban programme authorities.

Mr Heseltine's missionary approach to competition was to be adopted in other Department of the Environment programmes, notably the bidding for housing investment funds.

Ministers and officials believed that regeneration funds were being spread too thinly to have any real impact. The idea of City Challenge was to concentrate money on the whole range of problems in a fairly small geographical area.

They hoped that this would act as a catalyst and that the approaches and the solutions could be adopted in other areas.

But after only two rounds in which 32 councils — all but a handful of them London boroughs and metropolitan authorities — emerged victorious, City Challenge has been absorbed into the new single regeneration budget operated by the unified regional government offices.

John Mawson, senior lecturer at the School of Public Policy at Birmingham University, who is responsible for a report on the new single regeneration budget, which will be published at a conference in the city on April 26,

says of City Challenge: "It has had a number of beneficial effects on the process of delivering regeneration and acting as a catalyst and involving the local community."

"It introduced good practice in presenting targets to be achieved within a clear timescale. It was a response to the criticisms of urban policy in the 1980s that there was too much emphasis on physical regeneration and not enough on the local community and the complaint that local government had been marginalised."

"It achieved greater clarity and enabled those at the bottom of the administrative structure to work together."

But it required a great deal of local effort to put together

lion is involved, all but £125 million is already earmarked for projects such as the remaining years of City Challenge and the urban development corporations.

Although many councils were, and are, critical that the City Challenge money was based on their skill in putting together attractive packages rather than need, they did enthusiastically for the funds which guaranteed each £37.5 million over five years.

Ian Thomas, policy officer for the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, says: "Some of our members would have liked to have seen a further round of City Challenge. The most important point about the single regeneration budget is that there is no new money."

"We are also worried that when City Challenge and the urban development corporations come to an end, the money will be clawed back by the Treasury and not used to improve conditions in the worst affected areas."



a bid. The scale of the prize could divert money from other areas of spending.

"Perhaps the greatest criticism is that it is a very convenient way to hide cuts in public expenditure. It is easy for ministers to say that those projects which fail to win do so because they have not put together a good programme, not because there is not enough money available."

The advantage of the new single regeneration budget, which combines 20 spending programmes, he says, is that it will reach rural areas and the smaller towns. It will have a longer time-scale of five to seven years and should be more flexible.

But he sees a problem in the small amounts of money available. Although £1.4 bil-

Alisa Blair, assistant secretary responsible for economic development at the Association of District Councils, says: "Some of the larger cities in our membership like Nottingham would probably prefer that City Challenge continued. But others, like Southport which were not eligible, will prefer the new system. It does recognise that quite a few of the smaller authorities have problems. Even an elegant city like Bath has wards where there are high levels of unemployment."

Although it can adopt the City Challenge approach to tackle a range of problems in a particular area, the single regeneration budget can also focus on a single issue in a place, for example managed warehouses, or a national theme such as training.

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Wayne Newton, CRS TRAINEE

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Wayne Newton, CRS TRAINEE

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Wayne Newton and fellow CRS trainee at work on the Milton Court Estate, Deptford.

### THE IDEA

"CRS was set up as a result of Lewisham Housing's bid to the Department of Environment for Estate Action funding. We realised that spending £100 million on renovating Deptford's buildings was not enough in itself to provide the economic boost needed. If you're going to change an area, you've got to help the people, too. That was how CRS came about."

Nick Robinson, LEWISHAM HOUSING TRAINING INITIATIVES CO-ORDINATOR

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Phil Walker, DIRECTeam's ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

### THE FUTURE

"I'll be one of the very first people to graduate from the scheme this summer. I know nothing's guaranteed, but I'm feeling confident. Already one of the contractors I worked for has said there could be a job for me. What's also been good is the fact that I've had a chance to work on refurbishing the estate where I live."

Wayne Newton, CRS TRAINEE

"CRS is the biggest scheme of its kind in the country and our funding's secured for another six years."

"We know that 75 people isn't a huge number - in fact it's a drop in the ocean. But at least it's real. It's comprehensive, it teaches a real trade, and it sees people back in the road to full-time employment."

Trevor Norton, DIRECTeam's CRS MANAGER



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# A better place to live and to work

Crime is down, housing is improved and there is profit for business.

David Thurlow reports on a rebirth

As the Deptford City Challenge approaches its final two years it is essential that the groundwork is complete to attract more new business. The first three years have been spent in working on the community and the environment, both of which are vital, as well as on business.

Crime has been cut by 28 per cent, with security at 195 commercial buildings and 1,100 houses upgraded. A closed-circuit TV monitoring system in the main shopping area, the High Street, has proved so successful that it may be made permanent.

Housing has been a prime target for attention. Two tower blocks have come down. The old Den, the former home of Millwall Football Club, is now a housing development, and 2,500 homes in an area where 64 per cent of the householders rent from the local authority have been or are being refurbished and renovated.

The environment has been upgraded, too. The challenge team worked with Lewisham Council — in whose area Deptford falls — to make Deptford Park a pleasant place. The team has also helped schools with computer hardware and a shared Health Challenge programme.

Throughout everyone has been consulted in a new form of partnership. The City Challenge board of directors is made up of 23 people from public agencies, the Tenants' and Residents' Forum, the

Community Forum, the Deptford Business Development Association, and from commerce. It has worked so well it can be used as a role model for any other similar operations in the future.

Now the stage is set to make sure the changes already made and planned continue, restoring the area to much of its former prosperity. In two years from June 1990 to November 1992 unemployment in the area rose by 72 per cent. It now stands at 5,900, but various schemes involving local businesses and job training, with 69,000 training weeks so far, have already attracted 85 businesses, creating 1,800 jobs. The target is specifically the economic programme aimed at bringing in large companies which will create jobs for the local people.

The regeneration fund has 16 million in the kitty. Susan Angoy, the City Challenge chief executive, said: "The past three years have been very successful for consolidating most of our community and housing initiatives. The thrust now will be on inward investment to develop the economic side of the programme."

Her team realised that something special was needed to attract big business to an area perceived as rundown and poor, with little to commend it.

Marketing co-ordinator Caroline Shorten said: "We realised that in order to raise our profile we needed to do more than put brochures in envelopes."



The high street on market day; closed circuit TV has helped to cut crime by 28 per cent

Then they had a tremendous stroke of luck. Through contacts they met representatives of Saatchi and Saatchi, the advertising agents more associated with Tories and top products than Labour councils and rundown areas.

Saatchi and Saatchi were impressed, and for a much smaller fee than usual agreed to prepare a TV advertisement to promote Deptford. It not only gave statistics, but offered viewers a chance to guess the object of the ad before revealing it was Deptford.

The advertisement created considerable interest, and far more important, it brought the required result. The challenge has had more than 100 inquiries so far from as far away as Birmingham and the West Country, which are being followed up.

Ms Shorten said: "It was a high-risk strategy but it gave us a kick start and we are delighted with the result so far."

With the application by Sainsbury's for planning permission to build a new store complex right in the heart of the area by New Cross Station, there is the prospect of creating 350 jobs beside the A2 main road from Kent into London on which more than 50,000 vehicles travel each way daily.

Ms Shorten said: "If Sainsbury's want to come, we think others will follow."

The challenge has a number of other organisations to assist it, including the Business Development Association, which has more than 400 members so far, and the Deptford Business Growth Fund. The

fund offers loans from £10,000 to £30,000 with preferential repayment over ten years and training for the unemployed, concentrating on skills needed for available jobs.

"We have the money and the chance to change Deptford and we are doing so," Ms Shorten said. "Our aim is to make Deptford a better place to live, work, visit and do business in." As the challenge message boldly asks: Deptford? Yes, Deptford.

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Social deprivation — but more new jobs are created

## Hope for the future grows behind the grim statistics

The chance of recovering former glory is always a difficult proposition. For a riverside place like Deptford, where the Royal Navy was originally built, it is a challenge as great as any it has faced, David Thurlow writes.

The great days of Deptford, home of naval shipbuilding for centuries, are long gone. But the structure is still there, and the City Challenge is offering it the chance to rebuild towards the thriving and bustling place it once was.

In the first three years of the challenge private money has poured in to match the Government's total grant of £37.5 million over five years. The final sum, a wedding of public and private funds, is estimated at £300 million.

The funds have gone to a wide variety of causes: health, health education, and community projects designed to build on the spirited mix of locals and ethnic minorities. Money has been spent on building and improving houses and businesses, creating jobs, and attracting interest from large firms such as Sainsbury's, which is planning a superstore in Deptford.

It is possible to paint a picture of Deptford, four miles from Tower Bridge and a few minutes by train from London Bridge and the City, in statistics. The 508 hectares (1270 acres) that form the City Challenge area stretch from the Thames, where Deptford has 600 metres of waterfront adjoining a planned cruise liner terminal on Greenwich Reach, across the A2 to Lewisham High Street, and take in five British Rail and two Underground stations.

Fifty per cent of the 34,000 people who live there are aged under 30 — a far higher proportion than either inner or outer London. Thirty eight per cent are from ethnic minority groups.

There are about 14,000 households in Deptford, some in tower blocks which, like many houses, are being refurbished in a £90 million action scheme. Nearly two-thirds of householders (64 per cent) rent from the local authority, one of

quality of life and bring jobs and better conditions for everyone. The vision is to put Deptford on the map as a place in which to do business. Last year more than 1,700 people received job training and the challenge helped 45 businesses, from a fashion designer to an accountancy, to start up. This brought the number of start-ups to 85 so far, with 1,800 jobs created.

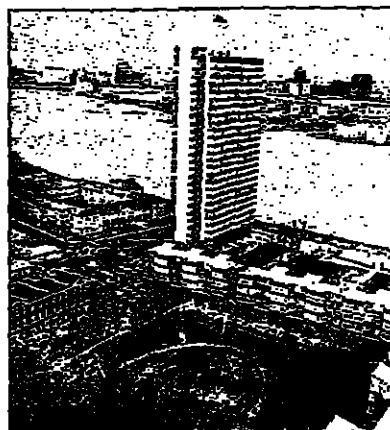
Among them is Kered Construction, which has relocated there from Brockley. Kered's proprietor, Dean D'Eve, said: "City Challenge has brought private money and new jobs into the area. That would never have happened without a push from government."

"Deptford isn't somewhere where companies would automatically think of investing. You can already see the results by just driving round the area."

Mr D'Eve wants to see local firms given the opportunity to be involved with the work, particularly with building refurbishment and renovation projects.

Chief executive Susan Angoy says: "City Challenge is engaged in a wide-ranging programme to improve the environment, build new homes, combat crime and support a number of voluntary and community associations."

Already 36 of the 44 planned environmental projects aimed at improving life for the tight-knit local communities have been completed.



The Peppys Estate in Deptford

the highest percentages anywhere in the United Kingdom. Only 14 per cent of the households have the conventional family (two adults with children where one adult is employed) and 10 per cent of the households are made up of single-parent families. Male unemployment stands at 25 per cent.

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## NEWS

## Politicians demand privacy law

Senior politicians renewed their demands for a privacy law last night as another Conservative MP was brought down by allegations about his sex life.

Richard Spring resigned as parliamentary aide to Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, after the *News of the World* disclosed details of an alleged ménage à trois with a Sunday school teacher and a businessman. The newspaper also reported in detail indiscreet remarks Mr Spring was said to have made at a dinner party at his home. Page 1

## Suicide bomb crisis in Israel

Israel was plunged into a political crisis after Islamic extremists in the autonomous Gaza Strip detonated two suicide bombs within miles of each other, killing seven Israelis and leaving 45 wounded, seven of them critically. Pages 1, 9

## Currency delay

European Union finance ministers delayed the timetable on monetary union ensuring that a single European currency will not be introduced until well into the next century. Page 1

## No win, no fee, no go

The Lord Chancellor has been forced to rethink his controversial proposals for "no win, no fee" litigation in the face of criticism from judges. Page 1

## Damaged plane alert

Passengers on a Jumbo jet approaching Gatwick Airport watched as a piece of wing was torn off after they had given the crew a drawing showing that it was loose. Page 1

## Medical danger

The growth of the "sue for everything" culture is threatening the quality of medical care and diverting scarce resources into lawyers' pockets. Page 2

## Rider killed

The father of a young rider tipped to become a top competitor spoke of his grief after she was trampled to death by a horse she had groomed for two years. Page 3

## Police disguise

The frail old lady struggling with a shopping bag on the streets of Birmingham may look like an easy target for muggers but any assailant could be under arrest in seconds. Page 3

## The most dreadful show on Earth

A season of dire movies made by Ed Wood Jr — whose adventures have just been turned into an Oscar-winning film — is to be screened by London's National Film Theatre. They include *Orgy of the Dead*, *Jail Bait*, *Night of the Ghouls*, and *Glen or Glenda*. Wood also made *Plan 9 From Outer Space*, cited as the worst film of all time. Page 3

## SPORT

Football: Everton beat Tottenham Hotspur 4-1 to reach the FA Cup final but they must wait to know their opponents. Manchester United and Crystal Palace will replay after drawing 2-2. Pages 23, 29

Motor racing: Britain's Damon Hill, driving a Renault-Williams, won the Argentine Grand Prix. He finished 6.4sec ahead of Jean Alesi, in a Ferrari. Page 24

Racing: Trainer Jenny Pitman, whose life has been dominated by the Grand National, paid tribute to the bravery of her second winner of the race, Royal Ashlett. Page 27

Golf: Severiano Ballesteros was a solitary figure on his 38th birthday. As last man in the field he played with a marker in the final round of the Masters at Augusta. Page 25

Cricket: An unbeaten half-century by Brian Lara helped put West Indies into a promising position against Australia in the second Test in Antigua. Page 25

Rugby Union: Leicester acknowledge they are in indifferent form a week before their match with Bath which seems certain to decide the Championship. Page 33

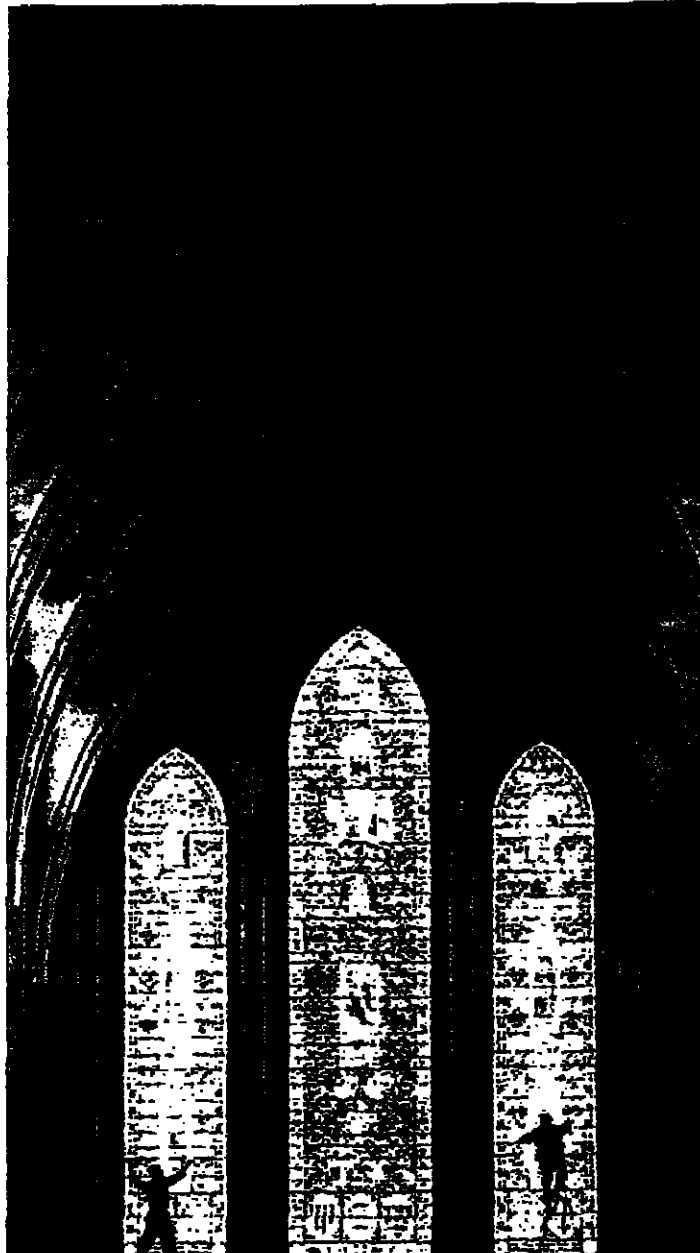
Rugby League: Keighley, the second division leaders, are likely to take court action to try and prevent their exclusion from the new Anglo-French Super League starting next year. Page 32

Boxing: Frank Bruno is confident he will beat Oliver McCall, who retained his WBC heavyweight title by beating the veteran Larry Holmes in Las Vegas, when they meet in London. Page 31

Snooker: John Higgins, 19, gained a 5-3 lead over Ronnie O'Sullivan in the final of the Castella British Open at Plymouth. Page 25

## LOTTERY NUMBERS

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The great west window of Salisbury Cathedral being tested for condensation before double-glazing is installed. Page 6

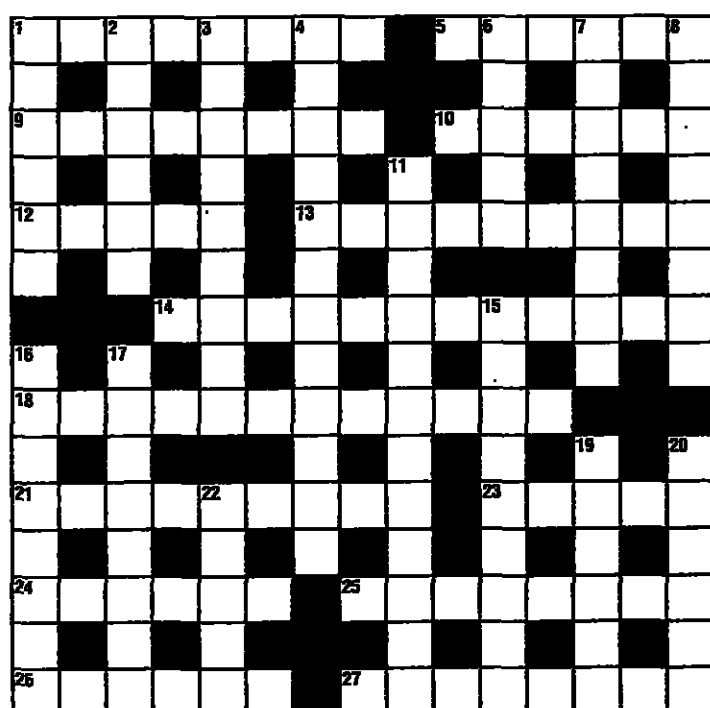
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- ACROSS**
- Old boy in a haunt designed in the German way (8).
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  - Very large carriage required by old clown (8).
  - Seaside wall on grey rocks (6).
  - Locates spectacles, say (5).
  - A target for river administrators (9).
  - Manufacture suitable objects primarily to scrape a living (4,4,4).
  - Kindly writer, embracing girl, sat for portrait (4-8).
  - American poplar newly lit up by an actor (5-4).
  - Prisoner's poem written in middle of alert (5).
  - My goodness, Lebanese extremists barrack the speaker! (6).
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  - Garment provided for stingy son (6).
  - Where musicians are forbidden, say, to be candidates? (9).
  - We probably give them a shock when we take their chairs (12).
  - Remove impurities from the undergrowth (5).
  - Punch provided for one working profitably in the sunshine (8).
  - The heartless deacon's terrible story (8).
  - Bi-national link-up a Spanish dictator found relevant once (6-6).
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  - Tangled hair of the Spanish sheep, say (3-5).
  - Account to cover day on a safari here (6).
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## KNOCKLANDS

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,824 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet.

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<p>☐ <b>General:</b> England and Wales will start on the cloudy side, perhaps with rain in the west. The west, but central and eastern parts will brighten with sunny spells developing. It will again be fairly warm in the sunnier areas, helped by the fact that the sun will be shining in Ireland will brighten during the morning to give some sunshine in eastern parts but cloud will return bringing some light rain to the north during the evening. It will be a milder but windy freshen over western areas later.</p> <p>☐ <b>London, S England, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N Ireland:</b> cloudy, sunnier during evening. Wind west or variable, light. Max 15C (59F).</p> <p>☐ <b>E Anglia, E England:</b> cloudy start, mainly dry, brighter later. Wind light or northwesterly, light. Max 13C (55F).</p>	<p>☐ <b>SW England, S N Wales, NW Wales, N Ireland, Dispersal:</b> mainly rain or cloud, some light fog but mainly dry. Wind south or southwesterly, light. Max 14C (57F).</p> <p>☐ <b>N E England, Borders, Edinburgh &amp; Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, North Wales:</b> light rain or drizzle, mainly cloudy later. Wind west or southwesterly, light or moderate. Max 14C (57F).</p> <p>☐ <b>SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:</b> mostly bright, patchy drizzle later. Wind west or southwesterly, moderate. Max 15C (59F).</p> <p>☐ <b>N E Scotland, N W Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:</b> bright or sunny intervals, some rain later. Wind southwest light, becoming south fresh. Max 10C (50F).</p> <p>☐ <b>Outlook:</b> cloud and a little drizzle later, but mainly otherwise dry and fairly warm with a strong westerly</p>
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# TIMES SPORT

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Unsworth, of Everton, evades the challenge of Sheringham as the Merseyside club proves too strong for Tottenham in yesterday's FA Cup semi-final at Elland Road. Photographs: Marc Aspland

## Royle's team outplays Tottenham to reach Cup Final

# Everton power brings glory

Tottenham Hotspur 1  
Everton 4

BY ROB HUGHES  
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

EVERTON plucked the cockerels of Tottenham Hotspur in the first FA Cup semi-final at Elland Road yesterday afternoon, throttling them with pace, power and passing skills to win deservedly. They must wait until Wednesday to see whom they meet at Wembley on May 20 because Crystal Palace, who like Everton have a foot in the mire of relegation, fought tenaciously to hold Manchester United to a 2-2 draw.

So much for delusions of grandeur and so much, as Joe Royle, the Everton manager, triumphantly said later yesterday, for the so-called dream final of Manchester versus Tottenham.

"We went into a semi-final as the underdogs of war," Royle quipped, a reference to the sniping that has gathered around his team's performances almost from the time that he took over from Mike Walker last November. Royle is not too fond of the euphemisms about dogs. He claimed the media, with their preference for a "dream final", had done all that was necessary to goad his players in to high performance.

Being an honest man, Royle also admitted that an error on his part led to the touch — make that two touches — of romance that came towards the very end of the Everton victory.

Seventy minutes were on the clock, Everton's lead was a mere 2-1, when Paul Rideout lay in obvious pain after a fair tackle from Andersson. When the stretcher came on, Royle thought he saw the sign of surrender from Rideout, who was playing his first game after missing seven others with strained knee ligaments. In fact Rideout tried to signal his intention to

play on: too late, Royle had released Daniel Amokachi, the Nigeria international who has had so little opportunity since his £3 million move from FC Bruges, into the contest.

Amokachi scored twice, it could so easily have been three, to give the scoreline a slightly flattering edge. At last this young, bewildered foreigner had proved that he is, after all, a player in the right place at the right time, something he had felt for seven months would never be said of him on his English adventure.

Speaking of adventure, Everton, not Tottenham, were full of it yesterday. They set off like greyhounds out of the trap. They spied the weakness of Tottenham at left back, where Edinburgh was suspended and Campbell had not been able to shrug off injury. Nethercott was asked to fill the role for the first time and when Everton switched Anders

Limpin from the left to the right wing, there were hints aplenty that he would be Nethercott's undoing.

For a time, Walker, in the Tottenham goal, was equal to every attack. Ablett, one of three Evertonians adept at swinging long, piercing centres over from the left to the right, had played Limpin in behind

Pallister rescues United 29  
Brilliant Beardsley 28

Nethercott. Limpin's shot was fingered onto the far post by Walker and, moments later, the Swede produced a full-blooded drive which Walker managed to stretch and hold.

The goalkeeper made an even better save in the 28th minute when, from one of those mesmerising corners of which Hinchcliffe is a

master, Watson outjumped Mabbutt for a header. Walker, yet again, responded with a fingertip save.

Such was the dominance of Everton's direct football that we even saw Klinsmann covering at left back. And, though Southall had saved a swerving long shot from Mabbutt, the assaults by Everton continued.

The breakthrough came after 35 minutes. Hinchcliffe drove a corner towards the near post and Jackson, the Everton full back, was quicker to the ball than Nethercott. Walker, this time, was only able to get his fingers to the ball once the header had crossed the line.

Tottenham's immediate riposte was the worst foul of the game: a high, late, two-footed lunge by Barry on Jackson that was worthy of more than a yellow card. It was punished in the right way when Everton doubled their lead.

They had just had a "goal" from Rideout correctly annulled for offside but Walker's kick was poor, straight to Rideout. Though the goalkeeper partially atoned with another diving interception from Rideout's shot, Stuart was presented with the simple task of putting away the rebound, a goal he richly deserved.

Six minutes later, Tottenham were awarded a penalty. Sheringham dived so obviously that the crowd was moved to laughter. He had sensed that Watson, like his partner Unsworth again, was in the air. So, without contact, Sheringham fell to the ground, fooled Mr Hart and Klinsmann splendidly stroked in the penalty kick.

Tottenham, however, were struggling. Andersson had started the match with his damaged knee heavily strapped and Howells, so important as their anchor, had a swollen knee. The intervention of lawyers may well have put Tottenham's name back in the draw for the FA Cup but the right to play at Wembley can only be earned by the players. And Tottenham, as their manager, Gerry Francis, admitted, "simply did not perform as we could".

When Amokachi exploded in to the game with a header from five yards, after Limpin and Stuart had been the creators, we saw the tears of Walker. That was in the 83rd minute. Seven minutes later came another simple goal for Amokachi, the reward for running when intuition took him, being there six yards from the goal when Ablett crossed from the left after Limpin, once more, had provided the decisive thrust.



Amokachi, the Everton substitute, heads the first of two late goals that ensured his side's triumph

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# Horse sense keeps BBC one jump ahead

The BBC may have lost Cheltenham to Channel 4, but it still has Aintree and the Grand National. In fact, under a new agreement the corporation has exclusive rights to the nation's most popular horse race until the year 2000. On the evidence of Saturday's excellent coverage, that can only be a good thing.

Channel 4's inroads into racing seemed to have spurred the BBC to new heights. No expense was spared as the corporation sought to beat the commercial station at its own game of capturing the atmosphere of a three-day festival and bringing it to the screen. Nine commentators, an astonishing 31 cameras, a brand new mobile control room and, on top of all that, Des Lynam. Truly our stirrup-cup overflew.

The 3½ hours of continuous screening may have been a bit long for some tastes (especially on a weekend packed with so many alternative sporting attractions) but there was no denying its quality. It was close to flawless, both for the live coverage of the National itself and, more impressive still, for the recorded rerun, when the director was able to call on replays from every conceivable angle.

Wonderful overhead shots from towers, extraordinary shots from cameras buried in fences and ditches and the relaxed, witty and informative commentary of Richard Pitman, Peter Scudamore and Bill Smith all made for unmissable television.

True, there were one or two hiccups. Five minutes before the off, for example, when you



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have 16 million viewers anxiously clutching unfamiliar betting slips, is not the time to break off the betting at 20-1 bar. As a race won by a 40-1 outsider and with a 100-1 shot in third place showed, the BBC should have made time to go right through the field.

The sun, which for the second weekend running smiled upon *Grandstand*, also caused problems for the cameras and cannot have made the nightmare job of commenting on a field of 35

any easier for Peter O'Sullivan, Jim McGrath and John Hanmer. Along the starting straight, in particular, the glare reduced horses and riders to almost unrecognisable silhouettes.

The build-up to the race may have been long but it was also picturesque, with some beautiful footage of horses during training. Into The Red jumping round an indoor school by himself. Gold Cap splashing through the waves and Master Oats hurdling through the fog

— the corporation's camera operators showed they can do the arduous stuff, too.

Although Royal Athlete scarcely merited a mention ahead of the race, Mystic Meg (borrowed for the occasion from the National Lottery) came close. She saw, she said, "a strong female influence". She was nearly right about Dubacilla and she was very close with Jenny Pitman, but sadly she plumped for Lusty Light and Esha Ness. The BBC should have asked our own Mystic Muscat instead.

From the start of her pre-race interview with Des Lynam, it was clearly going to be Pitman's day. She ran flirtatious rings round him. "You look ever so well. I think the sun's brought out a bit of colour." Somehow the conversation came round to being

reincarnated as a horse and, in particular, a gelding. "But I'm not talking about you, Des — you might lose your sparkle." Great interview, great race, great television.

Which is an awful lot more than can be said for Chelsea versus Real Zaragoza, which was a modest television audience. Very modest indeed, it turned out, in Chelsea's home patch of west London.

Rights to the match were enterprisingly picked up by SportsWire, the cable-only television channel. The problem was that SportsWire is not carried by Videotron, the company that supplies large parts of west London. A microwave link transmitted pictures to the faithful assembled at Stamford Bridge. The more fortunate missed it altogether.

## Poor showing for Monarchs' return

EVEN the 23-point margin of London Monarchs' 45-22 defeat against Frankfurt Galaxy in Germany on Saturday flattered them on their disappointing return to the World League of American Football (Richard Wetherell writes). Entering the final quarter 45-6 behind, two touchdowns, followed by a pair of successful two-point conversions, failed to put the score into the bounds of respectability.

Galaxy, after a barren opening couple of possessions, reaped full advantage from intercepting four Monarchs passes. All were converted into touchdowns as the Monarchs defense put neither Galaxy quarterback under serious pressure throughout. Without that, they proved unable to stop Frankfurt scoring.

Claymores photograph, page 34

## FA to quiz speed-taker

FOOTBALL: The Football Association will this week interview a young player from a non-Premiership club who was found positive for a banned stimulant in a training ground drug test (John Goodbody writes). The player had taken an amphetamine known as "speed".

This substance can enhance performance, but the FA may not charge the player with a disciplinary offence since he was tested during training and not during a match. The FA will reveal his name only if it is satisfied that he took the drug to impress his club with a sharper performance.

## Tendulkar leads rout

CRICKET: Sachin Tendulkar, right, scored an unbeaten century as India beat Sri Lanka by eight wickets with 16 overs to spare in the Asia Cup limited-overs competition in Sharjah yesterday. Tendulkar made 112 not out and shared in an opening stand worth 161 with Manoj Prabhakar, who scored 60, as India reached 206 for two in reply to Sri Lanka's total of 202 for nine.



## Newton times it right

CYCLING: Chris Newton, the Commonwealth Games track silver medal-winner, won the 106-mile Ashton Grand Prix, a road race near Basingstoke, yesterday (Peter Bryan writes). He attacked five miles from the line and finished 35 seconds clear of Glenn Holmes in exactly one minute short of four hours. The victory made up for his disappointment last year, when he faded at the end.

## Bond captures title

BOWLS: Ian Bond, 21, of the Exonia club, Exeter, beat Ian Wones, 33, of North Walsham, 21-20 at Melton Mowbray to become the youngest winner of the Manchester Unity English national indoor singles championship. After saving a match point at 18-13, Wones edged ahead 20-19 but erred on the last end by delivering the jack into the ditch. Bond threw a three-quarter jack and scored two shots to win the title.

## Warriors retain status

ICE HOCKEY: The only issue settled by the British League play-off games on Saturday was Whitley Warriors' survival in the premier division. Thanks to Steve Brown, with four goals and two assists, they gained a hard-earned 7-5 win over Milton Keynes Kings. Any one of three teams, all on six points with a game to play, could win the other promotion-relegation group.

## O'Toole pips Haining

ROWING: Peter Haining, right, Britain's lightweight world champion, failed to retain his Scullers Head title on Saturday. He was pipped by three seconds by Niall O'Toole, of Ireland. The Scotsman, starting first of the 456 boats, held off a challenge from his heavy-weight British rival, Guy Pooley, but O'Toole had calmer waters in his lower starting place of 124th.



## Record eludes Kenyan

ATHLETICS: Douglas Wakihuri, of Kenya, the former world champion, won the sixth World Cup marathon in Athens yesterday, only just failing to break the 26-year-old course record. Wakihuri, 31, recorded 2hr 12min 15sec despite light rain and a difficult course. His time was 57 seconds outside the course record set by Bill Adcock, of Britain.

## Italian wins on cobbles

CYCLING: Franco Ballerini, of Italy, broke away from a small group with about 22 miles left yesterday to win the Paris-Roubaix race, known for its cobbles. He finished a minute and 30 seconds ahead of the defending champion, Andrei Tchmil, of Russia. Tchmil won a sprint ahead of Johan Museeuw, of Belgium, Ballerini's team-mate.

# Accidents and passing manoeuvres mark thrilling race in Argentina

## Hill opens his championship account

FROM OLIVER HOYT  
IN BUENOS AIRES

AFTER a false start in Brazil and a preliminary hiccup here, the Formula One season burst into life on its return to Argentina yesterday. In a race full of thrilling passing manoeuvres, where the lead fluctuated almost as much as Michael Schumacher's weight, Damon Hill routed his German rival to establish his own world championship challenge.

After the furore of São Paulo, where attention again centred on off-track controversy and the disqualifications of Schumacher and David Coulthard, the Grand Prix here provided the tonic the sport craved so badly. After the Brazilian dirge, this was a tango by comparison, a jaunty, spirited Argentine adventure.

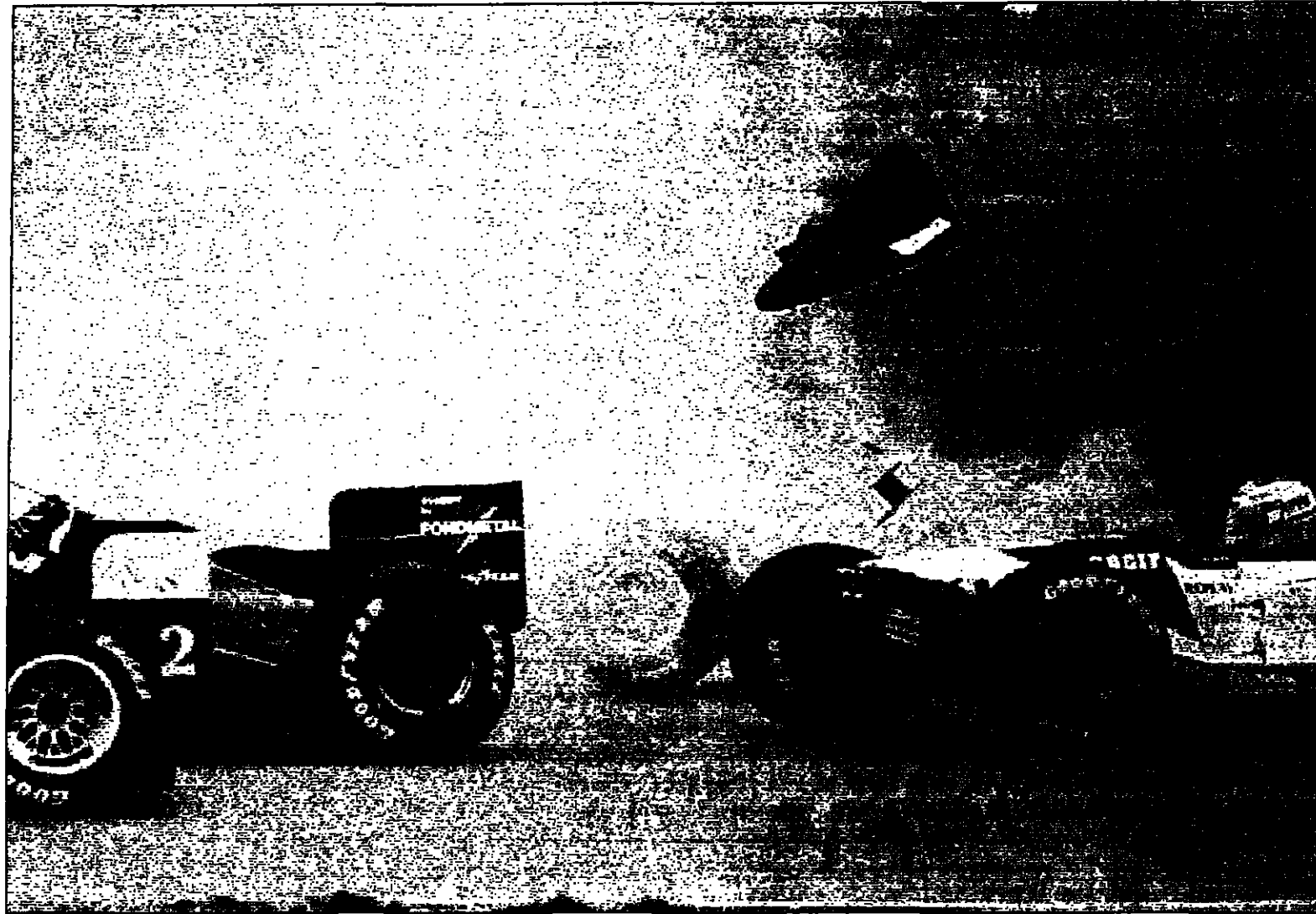
It provided the final truth of Coulthard's coming of age before mechanical problems in his Williams-Renault forced his early retirement, and it drove home Williams's superiority over Benetton. When first the Scot and then Hill forced their way past Schumacher's Benetton-Renault they made him look like a tired marathon runner being overtaken by a sprinter.

Only Jean Alesi, in a Ferrari, threatened Hill and in the closing stages it looked as though he might hunt him down. Hill held him off to win by more than six seconds but the feast of excitement sent the hordes of spectators home happy into the humid evening.

Long queues of followers, starved of Formula One for 14 years, lined the streets in the shadow of the grey tower blocks that overlook the circuit six hours before the race began. Anticipating more of the heavy rain that had dogged the rest of the weekend, they streamed into the stands resplendent in anoraks of red and yellow until there was not a seat left.

Thick cloud hovered over the circuit and the track, on the outskirts of the city, was still damp during the morning warm-up. But no rain fell and the spirits of the capacity 70,000 crowd lifted further when Carlos Reutemann, Argentina's best driver of the 1970s, drove a parade lap in a Ferrari with one hand on the wheel and the other trailing the blue and white national flag.

Five more faultless laps he drove as the crowd stood to



The cars of Herbert, Panis, Alesi and Badoer are involved in the first-lap crash in Argentina yesterday. Photograph: Vanderlei Almeida

### DETAILS FROM BUENOS AIRES

POSITIONS: 1. D Hill (GB) Williams-Renault, 1hr 53min 14.332; 2. J Alesi (Fr) Ferrari, at 6.407sec; 3. M Schumacher (Ger) Benetton-Renault, 33.378; 4. J Herbert (GB) Benetton-Renault, at one lap; 5. H-H Frenzen (Ger) Sauber-Ford Zetec, two laps; 6. G Berger (Austria) Ferrari, two laps; 7. O Panis (Fr) Ligier-Mugen Honda, two laps; 8. U Vialayama (Japan) Tyrrell-Yamaha, three laps; 9. D Schatzl (It) Sauber-Ford, four laps.

Championship standings: 1. Berger (Fr) 2 equal; Alesi and Hill 10; 4. M Hakkinen (Fin) 6; 5. Schumacher 4; 6 equal; Herbert and M Barendell (GB) 3; 8 equal; M Sato (Fin) and Frenzen 2; 10. A. Suzuki (Japan) 1.

Constructors' championship: 1. Ferrari 21pts; 2. Williams 10; 3. McLaren 9; 4. Benetton 7; 5 equal; Tyrrell and Sauber 2; 7. Ligier 1.

FINAL QUALIFYING TIMES (from Saturday): 1. Coulthard, 1min 53.241sec; 2. Hill, 1:54.067; 3. Schumacher, 1:54.272; 4. Irvine, 1:54.381; 5. Hakkinen, 1:54.529; 6. Alesi, 1:54.637; 7. Sato, 1:54.757; 8. Berger, 1:55.276; 9. Frenzen, 1:55.383; 10. Barendell, 1:56.114; 11. Herbert, 1:57.068; 12. Montedali, 1:57.082; 13. Badoer, 1:57.167; 14. Vassauer, 1:57.291; 15. Katsayama, 1:57.484; 16. Martini, 1:58.056; 17. Bursell, 1:58.680; 18. Panis, 1:58.824; 19. Suzuki, 1:59.052; 20. Schatzl, 1:59.539; 21. Wenden-

ger, 2:00.751; 22. Montemini, 2:01.783; 23. Gachot, 2:04.050; 24. Moreno, 2:04.461; 25. Ditz, 2:05.532; 26. Inoue, 2:07.298.

REMAINING RACES: Apr 30: San Marino, Imola, May 14: Spanish, Barcelona, May 28: Monaco, Monte Carlo, Jun 11: Canadian, Montreal, July 2: French, Magny Cours, July 16: British, Silverstone, July 30: German, Hockenheim, Aug 13: Hungarian, Budapest, Aug 27: Belgian, Spa-Francorchamps, Sep 10: Italian, Monza, Sep 24: Portuguese, Estoril, Oct 8: European, Nurburgring, Oct 22: Pacific, Aida, Japan, Oct 29: Japanese, Suzuka, Nov 12: Australian, Adelaide.

Now, it was Coulthard's turn to pressure the world champion, but after he, too, had overtaken him on the 16th lap at the same point as Hill in a thrilling manoeuvre, he was forced to retire a lap later with mechanical problems.

The lead passed to Schumacher and then Alesi but when the Frenchman made a refuelling stop on the 26th lap, Hill regained the advantage. With Schumacher experiencing problems with his stops, Hill was never seriously threatened again. He will head into the European stage of the season with fresh heart.

## Jackman eliminated in penalty dispute

By COLIN MCQUILLAN

THE drama that has pursued the NSF national squash championships since they were postponed from their usual January time slot for financial reasons struck again at Abbeydale Park, Sheffield, yesterday when both top seeds were removed from the women's semi-finals in extraordinary circumstances.

First Suzanne Horner, the top seed and defending champion, from Wakefield, withdrew after losing the third game of her truncated 7-9, 1-9, 9-5 semi-final to Linda Charman, suffering from a severe back muscle problem.

Then, Cassandra Jackman, the second seed from North Walsham, Norfolk, was stopped dead in a courageous fightback for the fourth game of her 50-minute 9-5, 7-9, 9-2, 10-9 semi-final against the fourth seed, Fiona Ceaves, of Gloucester, by a brace of astonishing penalty stroke decisions from the referee, Roger Jackson, of Yorkshire.

Jackman, 22, the world No 3, who failed unexpectedly in the British Open two weeks ago and was hoping to repair her reputation by winning a

second national title in Sheffield, played patchily in response to a brilliant front-court attack from the Ceaves, 27, who lost the 1993 final to Jackman. But the Norfolk player fought back with sustained determination from 4-8 down in the fourth game to lead 9-8. "I was rolling — I would have won from there," Jackson insisted.

The referee, however, snatched service away from her with a penalty stroke award which Jackman, rightly, declared from the court "should not have been even a let" as she cleared the ball by several feet. He then awarded an almost similar gratuitous point at match ball.

"You have spoiled this match," Jackman told the official before she could force herself to shake her opponent's hand in congratulation.

In the men's championship, the top seed, Stephen Meads from Wokingham, beat Yorkshire's Marcus Berrett 9-0, 9-2, 9-3 and will meet the fourth seed, Nick Taylor, of Lancashire who late yesterday defeated Jason Nicolle, 9-2, 9-7, 9-10, 9-2.

## Todd hits form ready for Badminton

MARK TODD, the dual Olympic gold medal-winner, underlined his form for Badminton next month when he comfortably won two of the five advanced sections at the Pedegree Chum Belton Horse Trials in Lincolnshire yesterday (Jenny MacArthur writes).

The New Zealander, who had a fall earlier in the day from a third horse — Chessman — gained his first win in section N on Bond International's Just An Ace. Revealing in the fine going, the 11-year-old gelding, who was fifth at Badminton last year, had the fastest time to relegate Mandy Sibbe and King's Jester to second.

More surprising, as far as Todd, 39, was concerned, was that he also won section P on Robert Howell Construction's Bertie Blunt. The former British team horse, on which Todd was eliminated at Burghley last year, had behaved "like a lunatic" at the pre-Badminton event at Wansford on Friday. "We doubled his work to get him settled and it had an effect," Todd said.

Mary Thomson, of Britain, had no such worries with her 1992 Badminton winner, King William, who won section R after a copybook performance. The 12-year-old gelding, winner of a team gold medal at the world championships last summer, achieved a dressage score of 15, his best to date, and was clear in both the show jumping and cross-country to finish 11 points ahead of Victoria Latta, of New Zealand, on Broadcast News.

Ironically, Thomson also had a fall earlier when Star Appeal, one of her three Badminton entries, made a mistake at fence 17. "We had a disagreement," Thomson, who was unhurt, said.

Lucinda Murray was less fortunate. She broke a bone in her hand and cracked a bone in her shoulder after a fall from Freddie Mercury at The Arcs — an imposing new fence — and will now miss Badminton.

One of the most inspiring performances however, came from Abigail Broad, 19, on My Abalu, who was runner-up in section M.

## Britain's gloomy day lightened by Stevens

By JOHN GOODBODY

A RUGGEDLY athletic throw by Ray Stevens, the lightweight, brought Britain a rare shaft of encouragement at the British Open judo championships in Birmingham on Saturday.

With barely a month to go before the European championships are held in the National Indoor Arena, many of Britain's most eminent fighters failed to get titles.

Stevens was an exception. He won all his bounce earlier in the day inside the distance, including an awkward tussle with an obstructive Frenchman, Stefan Vasseur.

Stevens, 31, second in his category at the 1992 Olympics, had to use his experience to slip on an arm lock to which Vasseur submitted. Then, in the final, the 15-stone Stevens dumped another Frenchman, Pascal Legoux, with an immaculate inner thigh throw.

Stevens has been concentrating on throwing from different grips because so many of his international opponents are preventing him from securing his usual holds.

Elsewhere, however, many of Britain's leading competi-

tors were ill at ease. The lightweight, Kate Howey, third at the Olympics, had to withdraw from the championships with a back injury and Diane Bell, the light-middleweight, who won the gold medal in Seoul when women's judo was a demonstration sport, also failed to get a medal.

Even more worrying was the form of Nicola Fairbrother, the world lightweight champion, who lost her first bout to Severine Poret, of France.

In the women's featherweights, Debbie Allan, third in the 1994 European championships, took the title with aplomb, defeating another Briton, Georgina Singleton, in the final.

Ryan Birch and Rowena Sweatman, who both won European titles last year, also had disturbed days. Birch, a light-middleweight, went out in his first bout, and Sweatman, a middleweight, was held down by Karen Powell, from Surrey, who went on to take the title.

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	Depth (cm)	Conditions	Run to	Weather (°C)	Last snow
AUSTRIA					
Lach	160	330 good powder	good	fine	3 8/4
St Anton	95	475 (Fresh snow on varied base; good skiing)	good	snow	5 9/4
		(Colder weather and snowfalls; good skiing)			
FRANCE					
Alpe d'Huez	195	480 good heavy	good	sun	1 29/3
Les Arcs	125	415 (All runs open with only odd bare patch showing)	fair	sun	5 29/3
		(Skiing conditions prevail; snow soft below 2,000m)			
SWITZERLAND					
C Montana	50	250 icy spring	slush	sun	2 30/3
Zermatt	70	290 good varied	worm	sun	4 29/3
		(Best skiing at altitude and on north-facing slopes)			

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

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# No end in sight to Spaniard's troubles on outward half of last round at Augusta

## Ballesteros struggles to regain mastery

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN AUGUSTA

THIS end of the chances of Severiano Ballesteros in the Masters came on Saturday afternoon but the birdie came yesterday. Ballesteros, five over par after 54 holes, had fallen to eight over after 63. In an act that symbolised Ballesteros's lowly position in the field, he was the first man to tee off in the fourth round at Augusta National Golf Club and he had a non-competing marker, an amateur, playing alongside him.

Ballesteros has often spoken of his belief that he has one more Masters title in him. Aware that most golfers have a span of perhaps five years when they are at their best, Ballesteros, nonetheless, felt that he could roll back the years at Augusta. Yesterday, his 38th birthday, was seven years after his last victory in the Open and 12 years after he won the Masters for the second time. It was not to be the day when that happened.

Ballesteros proceeded along steadily enough for the first three holes, racking up pars in an uneventful way. Alongside him and outplaying him was Danny Yates, the nephew of Charlie Yates, one of the leading lights at Augusta and the Amateur champion as long ago as 1938. Danny Yates will have played as many rounds in this Masters as the competitors who missed the cut because, as well as being Ballesteros's marker in the fourth round, he had fulfilled the same role the previous day for Jack Nicklaus.

A voice from amid the spectators standing behind the clubhouse foretold bad play by Ballesteros. He panned up at the skyline where Ballesteros and Yates were standing on the tee that is 60 feet above the green and said: "When the NCM [non-competing marker] is off first you know that Seve is having a bad day."

Ballesteros had fallen foul of the short 4th, where the flag was in the newly created position of close to the right edge of the putting surface.

perhaps 20 yards from bushes that screen the hole from a road. Some holes Ballesteros might like to wrap up and take home to Santander, Spain. This is not one of them. In three rounds he has not paired this hole. In the first and third rounds he took a five and on Saturday he managed a four.

Yesterday his drive flew too far right, into the bushes. Ballesteros turned over an iron and, hitting it left-handed, managed to scramble it to the green-side rough, from where he chipped and putted. On the 5th, the hole that Nicklaus eagled in the first and third rounds, Ballesteros hit his second to the left of the green and took a six.

Thus it was that Yates had the honour on the glorious 6th, the second of Augusta's short holes. His tee-shot, thudding into the green 12 feet short of the flag, "Get inside that," a spectator said. A birdie two was on the cards for the American, whereas a three would be a good score for Ballesteros after he had hit his tee-shot to the left of the green and was faced with a putt across a sloping green and up a tier. Yates missed, Ballesteros left his first putt nine feet short and then holed.

"Now it is a game of passion," Mac O'Grady, who has been coaching Ballesteros, said. "No. It is a drama of passion." The words became even more true when Ballesteros hit a wild drive on the long 8th and bogeyed the hole and then sank a nine-foot putt for a birdie on the 9th, a putt that was neither above or below the hole but alongside it.

Several of other Europeans were also in poor positions. Colin Montgomerie, who had been so confident in practice, saying he was going to attack the course on which he now felt more comfortable, finished in a blaze of threes on Saturday, three in a row starting at the 16th, but his total was 76.

Ian Woosnam's 71 was an



Montgomerie blasts out of a bunker during his final round at Augusta yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

up-and-down affair marked by an astonishing 55-foot putt he sank on the 8th. David Gilford, who had jointly held the lead for a fleeting moment on Thursday, slipped back with a 75. Unlike Brian Henninger, another player making his debut here, who was tied for the lead after 54 holes, Gilford had no chance of becoming the fourth first-time winner of this event, behind Horton Smith in 1934, Gene Sarazen in 1935 and Fuzzy Zoeller in 1979.

He looked overcast by it all, which Tiger Woods, for one, clearly was not. Even though Woods bogeyed seven

holes in his last 15 on Saturday, the American amateur's striking of the ball and his demeanour suggest that he is truly a star in the making.

As for the distance he hits the ball, all one can say is that it is astonishing. After three rounds he led the field in driving distance, averaging 307 yards on the 5th and 17th, holes on each round on which drives are measured. On the face of it, Woods is longer than John Daly, who is generally accepted as being the longest hitter in professional golf. Here Daly has averaged a mere 292 yards.

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\* denotes amateur

## Nicklaus leads the old stagers' Masters revival

FROM DAVID MILLER IN AUGUSTA

Twice was miraculous enough. Three times would have been too fictional for words. The crowd that gathered at the fifth green on the final day of the Masters was expecting too much for the 55-year-old Jack Nicklaus to eagle his long par four for the third time in four days.

Sure enough, he went for it. Never mind that he had just double bogeyed the short fourth to go two-over. His drive to the left of the fairway was longer than when he had holed a five-iron and then a seven iron respectively on Thursday and Saturday.

His pitch, with the flag awkwardly situated to the left with the green falling away immediately beyond it, was some 20 feet from the hole, and he calmly two-putted as the midday temperature climbed into the high 80s.

It has needed the comparatively youthful Brian Henninger, from Oregon, and Phil Mickelson, from Arizona, to prevent this becoming an old man's tournament. The performances of Nicklaus, Raymond Floyd, 52, Hale Irwin, 49, Tom Watson, 45, Ben Crenshaw, 43 and Curtis Strange and Greg Norman, both 40, have been the talk of this old cotton town.

Between them, these seven have played 151 Masters tournaments and it still seems there is no holding them when they're in the mood.

It has been particularly emotional for Crenshaw, who immediately preceding the event had been with Tom Kite to Austin in Texas to be pallbearer at the funeral of the 90-year-old Harvey Penick, the renowned coach.

Penick had been giving Crenshaw advice almost up to the time of his death. "Always take two swings of the club on the green but never let the head of the club pass your hands," was one of his sayings.

Crenshaw had previously won the Masters 11 years ago when he beat Watson by two strokes. Now he was playing not just for himself but for Penick.

"I'm trying. I'm trying awfully hard to apply what he taught me," Crenshaw said after the 69 which left him standing as joint leader with Henninger on Saturday evening.

The Golden Bear is a little hunched and stooping these days, as he is entitled to be

after hitting a few million balls in the winning of his myriad titles.

The hands hang slightly forward at his hips as he pads along, yesterday looking quite unobtrusive in his sombre country-and-western check shirt alongside Payne Stewart, clad from head to toe in scarlet, looking more Max Miller than Johnny Miller. The crease in his plus fours sharp enough to cut butter.

Nicklaus has been in a relaxed, almost jovial mood with his fluctuating 67-78-70. "I putted terrifically," he said on Saturday, having gone round with 24 putts, never mind several times being among the trees.

He was again with his drive from the first tee yesterday, yet gloriously pitched over the gigantic magnolias, with their 100-foot spans that give shade to spectators to the left of the green.

He held par but then dropped a shot at the long fifth when he came bravely out of the bunker on the left for a flag placed precariously above the bunker to the right ... and rolled into it.

His short iron on the 205-yard fourth was long and scuttled into the thicket beyond the green. A penalty drop and two putts on this skating rink with its eight degree slope cost him another two shots, but that did not lessen the applause. At every green the welcome rolled to a crescendo and was sustained like the sound of surf coasting across a beach in time with the master's urgent stride.

Strange's 65 on Saturday was indeed for him a sensation. He has done little since winning the US Open consecutively, in 1988-89, his game almost disintegrating after shooting a 75 on the last day when defending the title in 1990.

He has, too, memories of that wretched Masters of 1985, when he led by four strokes at the turn, only then to crumble. He admits that this revival at 40 has been both a delight and a surprise.

And what of the evergreen Floyd? Masters champion back in 1976, runner-up to Faldo and Couples in recent years, his 71-70-70 defies his age and further proves how much experience is a part of this game.

## Fluent Lara leads West Indies' Test fightback

FROM JOHN WOODCOCK IN ANTIGUA

IT HAS not taken long for West Indies' critics to come bouncing back after their unexpected defeat in the first Test match. Here in the second, it is Australia who are having to hold on. After being bowled out for 216 on Saturday, when they lost their last nine wickets by 134 runs, they had seen West Indies advance to 169 for three by mid-afternoon yesterday.

More ominously for them, Brian Lara was showing the sort of form that inspired his 375 against England on the same ground a year ago.

The nearest Australian had come to removing him was when Blengett was within an inch or so of throwing him out from mid-wicket. To the undisputed relief of Adams, Lara's partner, who had called him for the single, the video replay went against the Australians. Lara's batting was a remarkable combination of abandon and certainty.

If the Australians could have had one ball in the match again, it would have had to be the last before lunch on Saturday, a token bouncer from Ambrose that Taylor hooked inactively down, long leg's thrust. At the time, West Indies were beginning to look just as woebegone in the field as they did in the first Test.

The transformation which came over them after first Taylor and then, in quick succession, Slater and Mark Waugh were out, was spectacular. It was as though an electric charge had run through Richie Richardson's side, the jolt supplied by Walsh. Walsh himself calls it being "fired up", and when it happens it makes him, even at 32, a real menace, his length consistently oppressive.

This is his seventh Test match of a winter in which he has so far taken 40 wickets. His total in Test cricket now

stands at 262, third among West Indians, behind Malcolm Marshall and Lance Gibbs, and twelfth in the overall list.

By the time Walsh had finished with them on Saturday, the Australians must have known what a job they were going to have to keep in the game. It is not quite a perfect pitch, but it is more than good enough, and it is a fast-scoring ground.

Heavy bats and shortish boundaries are not entirely to Warwick's liking, but Taylor had him on first thing yesterday, and after 40 minutes, Williams, taking a couple of paces, drove him straight to deep forward short leg. It was not long, though, before Lara and Richardson were reeling off a succession of glorious strokes.

Richardson had had a static

start, not scoring his first run until the fourteenth over of the West Indies innings. He was very much feeling his way. In place of his broad-brimmed crimson sun hat he was wearing a helmet for the first time in his 78 Test matches, and until he found the confidence to play his natural game, it made him almost unrecognisable.

He and Lara had added 72 in only 13 overs when Richardson sliced Julian to the gully off the back foot. Soon afterwards, Lara reached his fifty with his eleventh four, another flowing off drive. He was picking up the bat high and almost hitting his back with his follow through, as Carry Sobers. It was a joy to watch, particularly as it was against Australia's attack, not England's.

To steady things down a little, West Indies promoted Adams ahead of Hooper, and for an hour he played along in Lara's wake. More than once, encouraged McGrath to think that he had got past his defences, but it was merely Lara delaying his stroke so as to find a gap in the field.

McGrath was sufficiently unamused to tell Lara that he was, in fact, a lucky little so-and-so, except that he said so once in terms which brought a rebuke from David Shepherd, the English umpire who was standing in his first Test match in the Caribbean. But it was his West Indian colleague, Steve Bucknor, who gave Adams out, after taking an unconscionable time to make up his mind. Waugh threw one well up, and it must have hit Adams, who was pushing forward, almost full on the foot. Waugh had managed to keep Lara reasonably subdued, other than when he offered him the chance of a sweep.

## Higgins makes early running in Open final

BY PHIL YATES

JOHN HIGGINS, already successful in the Skoda Grand Prix and International Open this season, gave himself a golden opportunity to add the Castella British Open snooker title to his recent collection at Plymouth yesterday.

The Scot, only 19 and one of the leading contenders for the world championship beginning on Friday, impressively established a 5-3 lead over Ronnie O'Sullivan in the best-of-17-frame final.

That left Higgins requiring only four of the remaining nine frames to collect the

£60,000 first prize and move above his compatriot, Stephen Hendry, to first place on the list of world ranking points earned during the 1994-95 campaign.

O'Sullivan, attempting to become the only player in the tournament's ten-year history to win it for a second year in succession, had exhibited such unbridled confidence in recording a 6-4 semi-final victory over James Wattana on Saturday that he was considered a marginal favourite.

That seemed to be an accurate assessment when O'Sullivan flawlessly captured the opening two frames with

breaks of 76 and 117. O'Sullivan finally committed a mistake early in the third frame. From distance he missed a difficult black, and Higgins, who had not scored with his usual consistency during a 6-2 semi-final defeat of John Parrott, was away.

A run of 55 was largely responsible for Higgins recovering to 1-2 and he did not concede a point in drawing level at 2-2.

That was tested again when O'Sullivan regained the lead at 3-2 with an 89 break, but Higgins then registered his fifth century of the event, 119, to bring up 3-3.

It was then that O'Sullivan, always prone to a temporary loss of concentration, began to look vulnerable. His ineffective safety shot in the seventh frame allowed Higgins to the table for a 62 break that secured a 4-3 lead and maintained the pattern of high-standard exchanges.

O'Sullivan compiled a 35 break from his initial scoring visit in the eighth frame but, having run out of position, he impatiently played a safety shot with little thought, which allowed Higgins to open a two-frame cushion.

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Higgins impressive

## Guildford cruise to a cup final showdown

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

TEDDINGTON will have a score to settle when they meet Guildford in the Hockey Association Cup final at Canterbury on May 28. Less than a month ago, Guildford beat Teddington 4-1 in the National League but still did not stop Teddington from winning the title.

Guildford qualified for the cup final with a 5-1 win over Isca, at Kings Manor School yesterday but the score did not reflect the balance of play. Isca got the corners, Guildford the goals.

Strong running by Barker and Cartnell enabled Hall and Markham to score for Guildford in the fifteenth and sixteenth minutes, respectively. Two short corners proved unavailing to Isca, who were reprieved when their goalkeeper, Lander, denied Jennings a goal from a short corner.

Isca raised their game in the second half and Meekie just failed to beat Friday, the Guildford goalkeeper, at close range. In the 56th minute, Morris set up a chance for Hall to score Guildford's

third goal, but Isca's spirits were revived five minutes later when Robert Skinner reduced the lead. Late goals by Jennings and Markham settled the issue.

Formby's dreams ended at home with a 4-1 defeat by Teddington. After keeping the holders at bay, Formby yielded ground when Wallis converted a short corner for Teddington. Two goals by Laslett and one by McGuire gave Teddington a 4-0 advantage, Capper replying for Formby from a late short corner.

Tina Cullen led Hightown into the semi-finals of the AEWHA Cup yesterday, scoring both goals in their 2-0 defeat of Chelmsford. On Saturday, Hightown hammered Bracknell 6-0. Cullen scoring four times. Their main cup rivals are Leicester, who cruised past Winchester 7-0 thanks to three penalty strikes from the England under-21 captain, Lucy Cope. Nicki Wright added two and Sue Hoivell and Sarah Blanks rounded things off with a goal each.

## Bears' experience pays off

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

THE scent of Wembley does something to the Worthing Bears. The basketball veterans who finished a disappointing seventh in the Budweiser League were given next to no chance of retaining their championship trophy. After their 89-79 defeat of Thames Valley Tigers in the first leg of the quarter-final on Saturday, however, it is the league runners-up who are under pressure for the second leg at Bracknell on Wednesday.

However many injuries or suspensions they have, the league's oldest squad invariably patches itself up well for the play-offs.

With a third Wembley triumph beckoning, Alan Cunningham, Worthing's 40-year-old player-coach, went into his final home game with a troublesome knee, after a week of taking antibiotics for a chest infection and receiving intensive physiotherapy on a strained neck.

Yet, Cunningham, who will look for a more ambitious club next season - Worthing have rejected two successive invitations to compete in Europe - managed to score 16 points, one fewer than Herman Har-

ried, who has a chronic knee condition. Of the 32 points collected by another veteran, Colin Irish - the favourite to succeed Cunningham - five came with three-pointers, three of them in the third period, when the Bears outscored the Tigers 30-11 to transform the tie.

As if to stress the capabilities of the under-thirties, Steve Nelson weighed in with 18 points against his former club.

The most serious competition for Irish as Cunningham's successor would come from his team-mate, the American, Cleave Lewis, should Worthing ever consult him. Lewis twice led Oldham Celtics to titles in the first division, but for the moment is happy to concentrate on playing. He returns from suspension on Wednesday, though his fractured cheekbone has not healed.

The Tigers were unimpressive on Saturday, apart from Steve Bucknall, who scored 25 points despite suffering from a groin strain. Unless contributions from his finer colleagues improve drastically on Wednesday, the Tigers will miss Wembley for the second year running.

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# Royal Athlete defies chronicle of misadventures to secure famous victory

## Favourite son returns as reluctant hero

BY JULIAN MUSCAT AND RICHARD EVANS

THERE was precious little fanfare when the gates of Weathercock House were flung open at 1.50 yesterday afternoon. Her stables in Upper Lambourn have served as a bunker under siege from the prying world outside, but now the redoubtable Jenny Pitman ventured out to embrace Royal Athlete from his heroics at Aintree.

Except that she will not quite see it that way. For this was not the return of a triumphant warrior, more the homecoming of a favourite son who was dispatched, with no little reluctance, to the battle front. Royal Athlete was back where he belonged, under the eye of a woman who has nevertheless added a new chapter to the history of the Grand National.

This great steeplechase has dominated her life. Her addiction was evident long before Corbiere displayed boundless courage to triumph in 1983. But she is now older and wiser. After Corbiere, she poured her heart out to the nation on television. There were tears, this time of emotion, of relief, yet she stopped short of the unbridled passion she wore on her sleeve 12 years ago.

So it was yesterday. Under bunting and balloons, she spoke of Royal Athlete's bravery, of Aintree's magic, of the strange coincidences that dared her to believe it could be her turn again. In searching for a brooch to wear, she came across the earrings she donated for Corbiere's victory, but had not worn since. And she dreamed she had won the National, but could not identify with which of her six runners.

But the tales were interspersed with an accumulated wisdom. Throughout the ordeal of priming her sextet, her son, Mark, was at her side. "Mark is very keen," she said. "It's difficult when you're young, but it's easy to get frustrated. You have to sit and suffer when things are not going right. There's no point in changing everything for the sake of it."

Earlier, her investment in youth manifested itself on her nephew, Tommy, whom she sought out the very moment she arrived from Aintree. And she was effusive in her praise of Jason Titley, 24, who handled Royal Athlete with a silken touch.

If the woman appeared restrained, her manor had already resounded to Titley's

description of a celebratory party lasting all night. With him were 20 colleagues, among them Warren Marston and Rodney Farrant, both of whom had selected other Pitman-trained horses to ride in preference to Royal Athlete.

Titley established a jumping rhythm as early as the second fence. He recalled the moment, soon after halfway, when he identified Norman Williamson, aboard Master Oaks, ranging alongside to dispute the lead. "I said a few things to Norman but I don't think he heard me," Titley said. "Then I wondered to myself when he was going to swallow me up."

For Gary and Liberty Johnson, the brothers who own Royal Athlete, that moment never came. Liberty, or "Libby", as he is known, could not bring himself to watch the race unfold. Only when Royal Athlete reached "the elbow", a point on the course close to the finish, did he strain for a view of the final stages.

Libby has clearly taken his lead from Mrs Pitman. On the morning after, when they made contact at Weathercock House, the body language of their embrace spoke of emotional relief, of an end to the ordeal. As Mrs Pitman had said: "The only people here to welcome the horse home are pure lovers of horses."

Doubtless with that in mind, she saved her biggest embrace for her vet, Alan Walker, who tended to Royal Athlete with unswerving dedication.

For the most important nine minutes of his life, Royal Athlete lived up to his name having spent much of the previous dozen years unable to justify such a regal epithet. With his chestnut features gleaming in the spring sunshine, he strode majestically across Aintree's ancient turf and jumped the 30 forbidding fences with an elegance and rhythm which suggested he was the most perfect physical specimen. A real athlete.

Nothing could have been further from the truth. The talent and quality of the horse has never been in doubt, but all too often his susceptibility to any physical setback has prevented him from performing up to the level of his natural ability. He was like a Rolls Royce with a clapped-out chassis and punctured tyres.

The ailments that have blighted his career made Jenny Pitman almost too afraid to look into his box each morning.

Every year I've had him in training has cost me five of my life



Jason Titley drives out Royal Athlete to the finishing line at Aintree on Saturday to record a Grand National victory at his first attempt

ing. "Every year I have had him in training he has cost me five of my life."

After buying Royal Athlete, along with Garrison Savannah and Esha Ness, for £10,500 as an unbroken three-year-old, the problems were not long in arriving. Urged to train him on artificial

surfaces by his original owner, the once-raced fledgling talent had developed inflammation in a leg by the time Libby Johnson and his brother, Gary, bought him for £1,500 as a five-year-old.

After a year off, he came back with mud fever, leaving his sensitive legs in a dreadful

state. There were then strains to both front tendons, his suspect knees played up and he was variously pinfired, line fired and had his tendons injected.

In the Hennessy Gold Cup last year, he suffered appalling leg injuries requiring between 30 and 40 stitches after

what Mrs Pitman described as an "X certificate" fall. "It was as though someone had been round his leg with a Stanley knife and the skin peeled off his leg like a sock."

Plans to run him in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, a race in which he finished third behind Jodami in 1993, had to

be aborted only four days before last month's race when he developed septic, a form of muscle seizure. And then as the Grand National approached he bruised his sensitive feet on stones on the gallops.

Mark Pitman, assistant to his mother, recalled yesterday:

"We were always treading a thin line with him. We had to see how he was in the morning just to see how much work we could do with him."

And yet, in spite of everything including a wish by Mrs Pitman to save him for the Scottish National, Royal Athlete prevailed. The remarkable empathy of Mrs Pitman with her horses, the skill and expertise of her vet, Alan Walker, combined to produce the foundations for this fairytale.

Jason Titley, hitherto unknown outside the close-knit world of racing, was the perfect candidate to produce the happy ending.

Although he had never schooled the horse before and was having his first ride in the Grand National at the age of 24, a precocious talent had seen him victorious in his first ride at the Cheltenham Festival three years ago, the same season he won the Irish National and the Ladbrooke Hurdle at Leopardstown.

The unpredictability of the result, with a 40-1 winner followed home by horses priced 16-1 and 100-1, has helped to restore the Grand National to its proper place in the nation's affections and returned it to where it belongs.

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the people. Twelve months ago, after the void race fiasco a year earlier, there was an understandable nervousness surrounding the occasion. The fact that the race took place was almost more important than who won.

The unlikely success of Royal Athlete, the comeback by another "old crock," Party Politics, in second place, and the run of a lifetime by the amateur-ridden Over The Deel have revived the romance in the world's most famous steeplechase. Master Oaks may have been the best horse in the Grand National, but the people's race has never been the sole preserve of excellence.

It is a race where glorious uncertainty prevails, where jockeys like Jason Titley become overnight heroes, and battle-hardened trainers like Jenny Pitman sob uncontrollably. Thank you, Royal Athlete.

Graham Bradley expects to be out of action for a week after sustaining head injuries in a fall from the Charlie Brooks-trained Zeta's Lad at the third fence in the Grand National. Bradley, who was discharged from hospital yesterday, said: "I had about 20 stitches in my ear and I am still a bit sore, but I feel a lot better than I did."

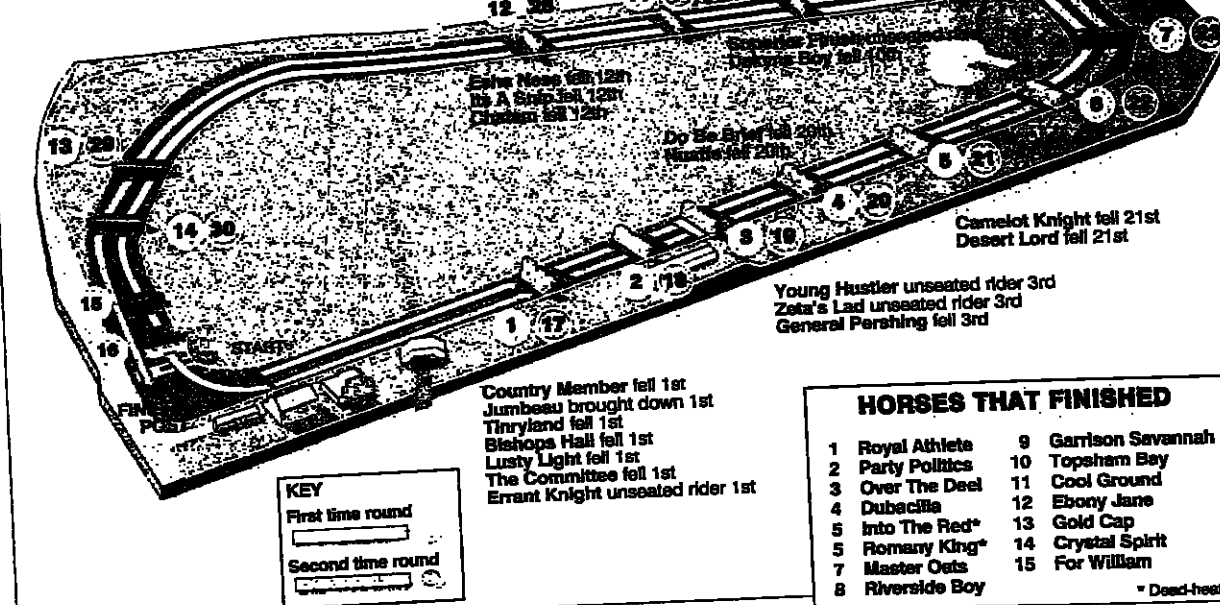


Titley, Royal Athlete and Mrs Pitman enjoy yesterday's homecoming at Lambourn

### BIG-RACE RESULT

3.45 MARTINELL GRAND NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (Grade II) £110,000 (4m 4f)  
ROYAL ATHLETE ch g Riscoller — Spin Again (Mrs D Thompson) 11-10-2 M Over (15-1)  
Over The Deel ch g Over The River Cahnemene Girl (G Todd) 9-10-0 M C Borneo (100-1)  
Dubacilla b m Dubacilla — Just Cavilla (H Cole) 9-11-0 D Gallagher (8-1)  
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Ivy Master Oaks, 10 Young Hustler (w), 11 Country Member (w), 12 Crystal Spirit, 13 Lusty Light (w), 14 Garrison Savannah, 15 Zeta's Lad (w), 16 Bishops Hall (w), 17 Into The Red (w), 18 For William, 19 Esha Ness (w), 20 Gold Cap, 21 Tynnyland (w), 22 Blushes Hall (w), 23 The Committee (w), 24 Errant Knight (w), 25 A Sio (w), 26 Jumbou (w), 27 Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Total: £83,70; £17,50; £4,00; £49,50; £2,20. C.F. 6743.33. Trn: £24,437.70 (part won; pool of £31,244.38 carried forward to 2.45 at Folliesbury). C.F. 6541.31. Trn: £41,023.25.

### AINTREE'S FENCES, FALLERS AND FINISHERS



## No shortage of applicants for National institution

### Muscat tips 40-1 winner

ROYAL ATHLETE'S victory may have been a surprise to many, but not to Julian Muscat (above), who led a great day for *The Times* racing team by tipping the 40-1 winner.

Muscat said: "The race looked ripe for an upset because of doubts about the leading fancies. Royal Athlete had a touch of class, an appealing weight and experience at the highest level."

Gerald Hubbard, *The Times* Private Handicapper, selected three out of the first four places with Royal Athlete, Party Politics and Dubacilla.

Change is constant at Aintree, yet the soul of the place is unalterable. Beneath the veneer of straining development at this singular course and its institution of a race meeting, beneath the corporate spread and even the essentially overt security that has robbed the occasion of its informality, it casts the same spell as ever. Succumb to it once and you are perennially in its grip.

A dozen years ago on Grand National morning, an endearingly squiffy character tottered into the breakfast room at the Southport hotel which traditionally houses some of Aintree's "lifers" and belloyed "Three to one" at anyone on whom he could focus. This was actually the name of the horse he believed, wrongly, to be destined for glory that afternoon but it might as well have been

the odds against him seeing out the day.

But I saw him again on Saturday, just as I have almost every year since. His eyes were bright, his face beamed. This, to him, is the best week of any year. But there are many like him, hopeless cases of Aintreeitis, and some are players rather than onlookers.

Why else would John White, who rode the winner of the void National two years ago and then retired to train near Wexford, in Ireland, retain his jockey's licence simply to partner the same horse, Esha Ness, back at Aintree on Saturday? And why else would the intrepid Tsuyoshi Tanaka from Tokyo arrive in Liverpool proclaiming a 20-year long-distance love affair with the race?

A victory for either would have been among the great



ALAN LEE  
At Aintree

National romances, but it was not to be. It was won by a horse most people had forgotten and a jockey most had not heard of. The race's first Japanese jockey failed to negotiate the first fence aboard The Committee and White broke his wrist on parting company with Esha Ness at the twelfth. Yet neither, I suspect, believed their pilgrimage to be in vain, for just to be at Aintree, let alone to take part, is what matters to the incurable.

One such is Michael Scudamore. The father of the former champion jockey,

Peter, rode the National winner in 1959 and when, seven years later, his riding career was ended by a fall that ruptured a lung, broke his jaw, disfigured his face and took the sight of one eye, it was not self-pity that consumed him. "My first thought," he recalls, "was that I would never jump Becher's again. I looked forward to the National meeting as a kid looks forward to Christmas."

Scudamore senior never lost the sense of infatuation, returning every April just to watch and wallow in nostalgia. But on Saturday, at 62, he

rode the Aintree course again. It was only six furlongs and there were no obstacles to clear but the cause was good and, for Scudamore, it was the loveliest of memory lanes, so compelling that he sacrificed his regular two nights of socialising at the meeting, ate nothing for several days and trained on an exercise bike to make his assigned weight.

"There is," said his wife, Mary, "no fool like an old fool." But you knew she was glad for him.

Everyone will be glad for Declan Murphy if he can ride any kind of race again. The fall he suffered at Haydock 11 months ago, was as chilling as the one which ended Scudamore's career. In Murphy's case, it very nearly ended his life and the speed and completeness of his recovery has been astounding. Thus far, the Jockey Club

has refused to reinstate his licence. He can apply again on May 8, a year to the day after his fall, and will mark the occasion by walking, for charity, the 25-mile route of the ambulance which took him from Haydock to hospital.

At Aintree on Friday, Mur-



Champion: glory

phy stood alongside Josh Gifford, his loyal support-er, after Deep Sensation's heroic battle with Viking Flagship. This is one of Murphy's rides, a horse that Gifford insists awaits his return, and watching him run had stirred once more the fires within him. "It is when I see my good horses run well that I know how much I am missing it," Murphy said.

Once before, Gifford has stood by a stricken jockey and helped him climb the mountain of Aintree glory. That, of course, was Bob Champion, who rode alongside Scudamore on Saturday. If Murphy does return next season, and it would take a hard-nosed decision to deny him, Aintree should prepare for its most unimaginable adventure since Champion, and for a fresh consignment of lifeline converts.



# West Ham show the spirit for survival

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West Ham United..... 1

By PAT GIBSON

WEST Ham United know a thing or two about bursting bubbles. They have had their own pricked so many times that they were just the team to bring Nottingham Forest back to earth after a run of five successive victories that culminated in a 7-1 thrashing of Sheffield Wednesday.

There was a time when West Ham tried to play like Forest did on Saturday, but they know only too well what happens to pretty bubbles in the air. Now there is a pragmatism about their football that could yet keep them in the FA Carling Premiership.

They are still in the bottom four, and although five of their remaining matches are at home, their visitors include Blackburn Rovers, Liverpool and Manchester United. "They are all tough games on paper," their manager, Harry

went very much as I feared it might," Frank Clark, the Forest manager, said. "Players are only human, and after five very good performances ending in a 7-1 win, you wonder how they will react. We never really got going. We didn't have the quality or the snap to pass our way through them."

It took a West Ham goal to jolt Forest out of their lethargy. Lytle fouled Hughes just outside the penalty area and Dickie struck a stunning free kick through the Forest wall and into the top left-hand corner of Crossley's net.

Clark's reaction was to send on Lee and McGregor in place of Bohinen and Woan, and brute force succeeded where over-sophistication had failed when Forest equalised 12 minutes from the end.

The impressive Rieper managed to prevent an own goal as the ball rolled towards the line, apparently off Potts's arm, after Lee had tangled with him and Mikosko. From the resultant corner, however, Cooper's header rebounded off Lee, and Collymore thumped in his seventh goal in six games.

It was almost too much for Redknapp to bear as he bobbed up and down on the touchline, exhorting his players to even greater efforts, but he is resigned to more of the same as West Ham fight to preserve their status.

"It's murder, isn't it?" he said. "But it's so important to all of us. Some people can just sit there and watch, but when you have worked so hard, I can't help but get involved."

"Before the game, I'd have settled for a point, but once you get in front with 20 minutes to go, you feel you've got the three points there for the taking. I felt we were coping very well with what they had to offer."

Clark was more impassive, but he knows he still has work to do. "Europe would be a worthy reward for what the players have achieved this season, but we haven't got there yet," he said.

WEST HAM UNITED (4-2-2): M. Crossley — D. Lytle, C. Cooper, S. Christie, S. Potts — S. Hughes, D. Phillips, D. Bohinen (sub: J. Lee, 72min), I. Woan (sub: B. McGreggor, 72) — B. Rieper, S. Collymore.

WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-2): L. Mikosko, K. Brown, S. Potts, M. Rieper, D. Dickie — M. Hughes, M. Allen, I. Bohinen, M. Holmes (sub: A. Whitbread, 88) — J. Boies, A. Collier.

Referee: G. Poul



Beardsley scores the first of his two goals at St James' Park, from the penalty spot. The second was a candidate for goal of the season. Photograph: Ted Ditchburn

## Norwich shot down by Beardsley's brilliance

There has not been a better goal all season. Peter Beardsley, of course, out on the right touchline, perhaps 30 yards from goal, looks up and across to see who is moving into the penalty box. Marshall, the 19-year-old Norwich City goalkeeper of some promise, advances perhaps half a pace, to be the more ready for the cross. And then the ball is in the net. It passed behind his back. Like a batsman stumped, Marshall was beaten by the quicker ball and hardly lifted the back foot either.

What does it show? One. Beardsley's extraordinary awareness of footballers, an understanding of their movements and the intentions they reveal. And two, the craft to exploit this awareness, for that was some strike. Great power as well as great accuracy.

Graham Taylor could have watched the FA Carling Premier-

ship game at St James' Park on Saturday and seen exactly, but exactly where his career as England manager went wrong. This is the most craftily attacking player in England: the man Linaker wanted as his running mate. Had Taylor built around a Linaker-Beardsley attack, the story of England football would certainly have been different.

Beardsley is 34 and as good as ever, not the sort of talent that relies on physique. "Enthusiasm, ability, work-rate — well, I should just have a recording," Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle United manager, said. "Put it on after matches when he plays like this." The problem would be wearing the tape out.

"I played a man-marker on him," John Deehan, the Norwich manager, said. "First time I've done that in 16 months of management. That's the biggest compliment I can pay him."

Simon Barnes salutes the enduring talent that illuminated Newcastle United's 3-0 victory

That goal was Newcastle's second, coming at the end of the first half. The first was a penalty. Newsome tripping Kitson and Beardsley converting. The second half, with Norwich chasing the game, allowed Beardsley to give a master-class in the craft of football.

A swinging chest-down to Lee. A boldly delayed pass to set up Fox. A long punt out from goal. Beardsley classes and, at full speed, volleys a touch-back to Fox. An instantly taken free kick to Lee. Beardsley loses the ball, for once a poor touch: but the tackle-back comes in, clean,

decisive, unhesitating. Any draw-backs to this wonderment? He scores goals, and great goals, but the two he scored on Saturday lifted his season's count to just 12 in the Premiership. He is a craftsman; he is not an out-and-out goal-getter.

Nor is anybody else at Newcastle. Kitson is prodigious, and Fox is iffy. The third goal was wonderfully comic, with Kitson picking up a neat through-ball from Lee and looking like mad for someone to pass to. Fox was there, but somehow not quite there. After you, old boy. No, no, after you. Kitson accepted the dreadful truth that he would have to shoot, and this time, after four or five dreadful misses that afternoon, he took it manfully.

Beardsley is at his best alongside a six-yard box assassin like Andy Cole, recently departed from Newcastle in a blizzard of money, like Linaker. Newcastle are putting

the finishing touches to a season in which they promised everything and achieved... well, they should manage a top six in Europe. "I believe we are the third best team in the country," Keegan said. "To finish lower would be unfair to the players."

But Norwich have plenty to think about. Hard to believe that they touched sixth in the Premiership this season. They have taken nine points from the last 15 matches, and have five games to go. They may have to win most of them to escape relegation. There are no points awarded for next football and a cheery spirit. They face a scrap, and look a touch lightweight.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): P. Smith — M. Holliday, R. Elliot, D. Pearson, B. Watson — R. Fox, P. Newsome, S. Howey, R. Lee — P. Beardsley, P. Kitson. NORWICH CITY (4-1-4): A. Marshall — J. Potters (sub: J. Potters, 88min), I. Newsome, C. Gleadwell, M. Brown — S. Prior — R. Lushmore (sub: D. Smith, 8), D. Eadie, M. Milligan, I. Crook — A. Ward. Referee: M. Reed.

## Relegation permutations sway Wednesday's way



Hirst attacking presence

Sheffield Wednesday..... 1  
Leicester City..... 0

By PETER BALL

BARRING a colossal reversal in goal difference, this defeat at Hillsborough on Saturday confirmed that Leicester City will be relegated. Sheffield Wednesday's victory almost certainly means their own survival.

At the moment, Leicester could draw level on points with Everton or Southampton, the two clubs just above the relegation zone, if they win all their games while one of the other two lose all theirs. But Southampton's goal difference is minus eight, Everton's minus ten; Leicester's minus 41. That figure tells its own

story. They have conceded 71 goals and on Saturday they lined up with three centre backs, two of them internationals, and still Hirst and Whittingham got free headers eight yards from goal in the first 20 minutes even before another header, from Whittingham, produced the only goal of a nervous, error-ridden game.

It has been a hard baptism in the Premiership for Mark McGhee. But if he was unable to change their fortunes when he replaced Brian Little, he has at least changed Leicester's style. From a side relying on effort and long balls, they now try to play, passing the ball around pleasingly.

On Saturday they were a little unlucky not to get a point.

Chris Woods, who was back in Wednesday's goal on merit for the first time this season, made three fine saves and when he was beaten, Robins's header was kicked off the line by Walker and Draper's drive came back off the bar and Wednesday were reprieved.

"I still think we need another win to be safe," John Sheridan said, but with so many clubs in danger, Wednesday now look to have just enough points to guarantee safety. Whether they deserve it is another matter, leaving a continuing question mark over Trevor Francis's Hillsborough future.

"It's not just the manager, we are all in this together," Sheridan said. He can say that again. Wednesday have been a soft touch too often. On

Saturday, after the humiliation of the 7-1 defeat by Nottingham Forest, the side showed more drive.

A few days away apparently worked the oracle. Francis took the team to a hotel near Preston for three days with the implied threat that if they didn't beat Leicester they would have to spend the whole week there.

The manager remains relaxed and on Saturday his six changes paid off. Michael Williams brought an urgency to midfield his hyperbated namesake, Bart Williams, lacked. Woods was excellent and Hirst, playing his first game since October after 80 minutes in the reserves on Monday, was palpably lacking match fitness but gave the attack presence.

Perhaps the other changes should have been made earlier. Francis's equanimity may be admirable, and Hirst's absence has deprived him of an outstanding forward, but for the amount of money he has spent he has assembled a team of under-achievers, a team that passes the buck as well as it passes the ball. The Hillsborough chairman's remarks last week — that Sheffield Wednesday will remain a Premiership club for a long time but managers come and go — sound ominous.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): C. Woods — P. Ashton, A. Francis, G. Whalley, L. Nolan — C. Woods, J. Sheridan, M. Williams, K. Ingham (sub: A. Smith, 88min), G. Whittingham, D. Hirst (sub: M. Bright, 77). LEICESTER CITY (4-4-2): K. Potts — J. Williams, C. Hill, B. Carey (sub: J. Lawrence, 84), S. Grayson (sub: M. Bello, 88), M. Davies, G. Parker, M. Whitlow — D. Lowe, M. Robins, I. Roberts. Referee: G. Ashby.

## Smith goes on the defensive

Oxford United..... 1  
Brentford..... 0

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

AS CENTRE backs of some repute, albeit from a bygone age, Denis Smith and David Webb should have left the Manor Ground highly satisfied on Saturday. More often than not, the defenders had destroyed, and the forwards had floundered. Oxford United had snuffed out Brentford; Brentford had snuffed out Oxford United.

Publicly, Smith and Webb appeared content. "It was a good defensive performance," Smith, the Oxford manager, said. "I thought we defended well." Webb, the Brentford manager, said. Privately, the furrowed expressions told it all. It was stalemate neither side wanted.

Webb captured the essence of an uninspiring draw, in the Endsleigh Insurance League second division, when he added: "Earlier on in the season, I'd have said it was a point gained rather than two lost. Now, I'm not so sure."

Precisely. April, in any league, is a time for victory, of any description, as the graft of the previous eight months begins to bear fruit or failure. Thus, the Manor witnessed frustration for players, managers and supporters alike. Brentford, defeated only once in 23 matches, lost their leadership of the second division to Huddersfield Town. Oxford, without a win in five games but in the fourth play-off place, allowed Crewe Alexandra to close on them.

Highlights were few and far between. Dyer turned smartly, after Elliott's flick-on from Gidcrist's throw-in, to hook Oxford into a 25th-minute lead. Taylor produced in his 23rd goal of the season, a minute before the interval, to equalise. Granger curled a lovely free kick against the home crossbar early in the

second half. Otherwise, there was no way through the rugged rearguards. Elliott and Gidcrist formed an impenetrable barrier while Bates and Ashby did likewise for Brentford. Any inkling of imagination was lost amid the general muddle in midfield.

There was also the bizarre 20-minute cameo from Wanless, 21, the Oxford utility player. He came on as a substitute and was fouled three times, which earned bookings for Ashby, Statham and Bates. He was cautioned for preventing a free kick from being taken quickly, and then sent off for clumsily tripping Abraham.

Smith, wisely, declined to elaborate on the somewhat harsh judgement of Andy D'Urso, the referee. "He's the

one who makes the decisions," he said. Nine days ago, during the 3-2 defeat away to Crewe, Smith was dismissed from the dugout for remarks directed at the officials.

On Saturday, after a mid-week consultation with the Oxford board of directors, he chose to sit in the stand throughout. Today, the Football Association will decide whether to charge him with bringing the game into disrepute. If it does, he is more than capable of mounting a strong defence.

OXFORD UNITED (4-3-3): P. Whithead — L. Robinson, M. Elliot, G. Gidcrist, A. Dyer — D. Smith (sub: P. Wanless, 88min), S. Statham — P. Abraham, P. Smith (sub: D. Munnich, 82), P. Stephenson — P. Taylor. Referee: A. Dunn.

## Tired Arsenal outgunned

HAVING assisted Frank Skinner and David Baddiel with their dig at the increasingly infamous sardines speech of Eric Cantona, Les Ferdinand is unlikely to sign for Manchester United, but he is expected to sign for someone soon. For almost as long as he has worn a hooped blue and white shirt, Ferdinand has been considered too classy for Queens Park Rangers. QPR, it is argued, most recently by Rodney Marsh, are too small to shackle a centre forward who can still improve both domestically and at international level.

Arsenal are favourite to capture Ferdinand next season; however, not only is he too classy for BBC's *Fantasy Football League*, he is also too good for Arsenal.

On Saturday, as QPR ran rings and hoops around Arsenal, few members of Ray

Alyson Rudd watched Queens Park Rangers' 3-1 defeat of Arsenal

often been weak but with Holloway and Barker slogging away to compensate for their deficiencies in niceties, both Sinclair and Impey were able to gambol through the mutton of the Arsenal flanks. "We played some wonderful football," Wilkins said.

Impey volleyed QPR into the lead after 28 minutes, connecting with one of Ferdinand's many intelligent headers. Had Ferdinand been playing for the opposition and relying on Helder's crosses, he would not have been able to head the ball at all. Not once was the Dutchman able to lift a cross higher than Wilson's shin pad.

After an hour, Sinclair pranced past Merson and Winterburn to set up Gallen for QPR's second and Ready scored his first of the season after Penrice's shot had hit the upright.

Arsenal's consolation goal

in the final minute, Adams heading in Merson's free kick, did not, as Wilkins suggested, mar his team's performance but served as a reminder that Arsenal were still on the pitch. If Stewart Houston wants to believe his team was too tired to give its best, then so be it.

No doubt Arsenal's Cup Winners' Cup semi-final first leg against Sampdoria was emotionally and physically draining, but the team had Friday to recover and Highbury to Loftus Road hardly constitutes an arduous journey. Success is necessarily demanding. If the paid athletes of Arsenal cannot cope with two matches in three days then they might be better off locking themselves indoors to munch on their Easter eggs than turning out for this weekend's tough Premiership programme.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS (4-4-2): A. Roberts — C. Wilson, K. Ready, A. McDonald, R. Brown — T. Sinclair, I. Holloway, S. Barker, A. Impey — L. Ferdinand, K. Gallen (sub: G. Penrice, 74min). ARSENAL (4-2-2): D. Seaman — L. Dixon, A. Adams, S. Bruce, M. Winterburn — P. Merson, S. Schwarz, S. Morrow (sub: D. Hillier, 83), G. Helder — I. Wright, J. Harrison (sub: C. Kennedy, 78). Referee: P. Don

## Mullen's misery mounts

Keith Pike sympathises as Burnley flounder in a 3-1 defeat at Southend

success might count for little once relegation is confirmed. "Players get managers the sack," Mullen said, and his had just conceded two goals in the opening six minutes, and effectively the match, against Southend United.

The gulf between second and first divisions, Mullen conceded, had been huge, and outside Turf Moor in particular, Burnley have proved a soft touch. They have not won in 14 away games since October, taking four points out of 42. This was a vital match, but again this claret did not travel well. Once Dublin's slide-rule pass had allowed Jones to give them a fifth-minute lead and Hails had punished a status-eque defence less than 45 seconds later, Southend had the game in their pockets, and their own salvation within reach.

Battersby, 19, and with his proud parents watching from

the stand, marked his first full league match with the goal of the game, a volley on the turn, to make it 3-0 in the 54th minute, at which point Mullen promptly withdrew both his strikers. The fact that Nogan, one of the substitutes, was to score a meaningless late goal could not make sense of such a bizarre decision. Perhaps the pressure is getting to him.

Southend coasted home, and it will do Burnley's morale no good whatsoever to learn that Steve Thompson, in his caretaker game as the Essex club's caretaker manager, rated this their worst performance under him. But as players get managers the sack, they can also get them employment. Southend, beaten in only one of their past seven games and in Thompson's view, one win from safety, are unlikely to look any further when they go for a full-time appointment.

SOUTHEND UNITED (4-3-3): S. Joyce — P. Gidcrist, K. Dublin, M. Boshley, C. Powell — J. Wilson, A. Bussan (sub: D. Roche, 88min), S. Thean — J. Pike, A. Battersby (sub: D. Perkins, 90), G. Jones. BURNLEY (4-4-2): M. Beardsford — G. Fashole, S. Davis, M. Winstanley, C. Winstanley — E. McKern, A. Rankin, J. Moyland, C. Grease — D. Evans (sub: K. Nogan, 83), P. Shaw (sub: L. Robinson, 85). Referee: G. Barber.



















Lead changes hands after Butland helps to inspire seven-try spree



Adebayo, the powerful Bath centre who scored two tries, leads another forward surge against West Hardepool at the Recreation Ground. Photograph: Marc Aspland

# Bath settle back into winning routine

THE heady whiff of confidence permeated every corner of the Recreation Ground on Saturday. A business report might indicate that the company had emerged from a slightly sticky patch in March with vigour renewed and optimism for a future that stems from seeing Bath once more in their accustomed place — heading the Courage Clubs Championship, albeit only on points difference, and contesting the cup final.

Indeed, rugby union as a business could take the first few days of April as its metaphor: over the weekend, Bath launched their next playing generation into a league match that produced their biggest win of the season, and their own players' company, the unromantically named Bath Players' Initiative (BPI). Tonight, their representatives will sit down with Leicester to discuss the way forward for the European competition of which the clubs are the driving force, and next Saturday they will dispute, with Leicester, the league match that will surely decide the title.

"We are the team in form — top of the league, in this cup final, playing the best rugby we have all season," John Hall, the captain and one of the two directors of the BPI, said. "We are on top of the world. There will need to be a bit of restructuring next season but there's nothing wrong at Bath, as one or two people have tried to make out."

Though they are at the other end of the first division, West Haverpool think along the same lines. Defeat pushed them firmly into the relegation bracket, along with Northampton and Harlequins, but they know that every season they can remain in the top flight will earn their players the extra experience that brings the like of Bath and Leicester through mid-season crises, winners by a handful of points rather than losers.

Their long-term ambition is to make the same professional appointments that are now becoming commonplace in the



# David Hanus sees champions

## resume normal service with

### 53-17 victory over West Hartlepool

national leagues, to cope with the playing side of the game and matches which, like that against Leicester last month, bring 5,000 people to Brierton Lane. That number may be only half of what Leicester themselves expect at home matches, but for West it is a rip-roaring attendance which they would love to welcome on a regular basis.

They can only look at Bath's resources with envy. Shorn of seven first-team players, the champions concluded the match as a contest before the interval by running up 25 points without reply and exposing West Hartlepool's soft defensive centre. In doing so, they provided Richard Butland with the stage to suggest that, if it is stand-off halves that England seek, here is one with a pedigree at least equivalent to those of the hopefuls at Northampton and Harlequins.

Butland, 22, was born in Cape Town and arrived at the Recreation Ground via New Jersey, Wellington College and, ironically, Harlequins. A student at Bath University, he has that comfortable relationship with the ball that all good stand-offs possess. It was his accumulation of 18 points that impressed, but his mature play which, Hall said, showed a dimension beyond what even his colleagues expected.

"He had his best game of the season," Hall said. "It gives us plenty of options for next week, against Leicester." In fact, Mike Catt will probably play at No 10, but since he has already expressed the desire to play full back next season, Butland will clearly get the

opportunity to develop his game still further.

He would have done so on Saturday but for the intrusive whistle, of Ashley Rowden, who refused to let the game run. Bath were caned for penalties at a ratio of three to one, on a day when Robinson was at his most authoritative as a ball-carrier and distributor. He may not have scored himself, but the open-side flanker was at his creative best. Allied to de Glanville and the spritely Lumsden, Bath offered an attacking force that ripped West wide open.

They preyed on ball kicked unskillfully away by West Hartlepool, who were without the injured Stabler and Whitaker at stand-off, and the young full back, Stimpson, who might have succeeded with the four penalties which Oliphant narrowly missed. When they did start scoring tries after the interval, Bath were capable every time of trouncing them with even better effects.

That Cook, at scrum half, played well was ironic, given

that West have been encouraged to play Derrick Patterson to assist the Scotland selectors.

The second berth at scrum half in Scotland's World Cup squad has been left open as a lure to Andy Nicol, now desperately trying to recover fitness at Bath. So while all Scotland's other squad members have been told not to play, the likes of Paterson and Nicol need every game. Patterson has been either capped or a replacement in all Scotland's games, only to find that he may still be overlooked for a player who has played no serious rugby this season. No wonder he is confused and his club disgusted.

**SCOTLAND:** Bath; Tyfles; Lumsden (2), Aitchison (2), Adams, de Gennaro, Ubbro, Conners; Bullock (6); Glasgow: Scott; Edinburgh: Hartley; Tynes; Harcourt; Tait; Cook, Ewing, Brown; Conversion: Oghilvie.

**BATH:** A Lumsden, A Scott, P Patterson, A Aitchison, S Smith, R Bullock, I Adams, J Evans, K Hogg, M Pearce, W Hayes, G Adkins, A Robinson, J Hall.

**HARTFORDLE** N Oghilvie: A Evans, A Ewing, P Hodder, S Jones; A Parker, D MacLellan, C MacFarlane, P Taylor, J Dixon, K Wedderburn, A Brown, T Jacques. Wastbury mainly replaced by Whistler (St-Strm).

**Edinburgh:** A Rowden (Berthshire)

Giovannelli, 27, has spent the last year recovering from a car accident that threatened his career. The blind-side flanker is optimistic, but needs another operation on his left leg before a decision is made. However, Carlo Cecchinato, the Rovigo No. 8, and Nicola Aldrovandi, the Bologna utility back, are fit.

Georges Coste, the most successful coach in Italian rugby, expresses satisfaction and concern at what has been achieved so far. "We did a good job in Australia [last summer] and performed well enough in the European play-offs for the World Cup against Romania and Wales," Coste said. "On both occasions many top players were missing with injuries, but the team spirit was excellent and the game standards satisfactory. The problems came afterwards."

Coste was referring to the

**M**assimo Cuttita, who has replaced Giovannelli as captain in eight matches, believes Italy can "speak the same language as the best international teams", but the proviso over England is important after the debacle at Twickenham in the 1991 World Cup, when the Italians were swept away in a deluge of penalties.

"England is a point of reference in world rugby, with its traditional power-play and a very interesting new ambition to keep the ball alive," Coste said. "They could be world champions. We go to the World Cup to evaluate our growth against this yardstick."

"In this World Cup we must try to be among the top eight, and in 1999 we must try to challenge—with the very best. England will be the high-level opposition that we need."

□ *Paolo Catella is the rugby correspondent of Il Mattino di Padova.*

## Leicester's form causing concern

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THE Courage Clubs Championship first division title will fall into Bath's lap next Saturday unless Leicester salvage some sense out of their true form before the champions visit Welford Road for the decisive match of the league season.

"Leicester made more mistakes in this game than in any other match I have ever seen them play," was the comment of the Harlequins' director of rugby, Dick Best.

His opposite number, Tony Russ, swallowed hard and then agreed. "It was a very disappointing performance. We are not playing with the fluency we are looking for, particularly in midfield. Our

ball retention was poor, and that factor, plus our need for directness in midfield, will need to show mega improvement by Saturday.

Preparations for both sides will be disrupted by an England squad session on Tuesday and Russ certainly did not play the diplomatic card on that subject. "The England thing has ruined the whole season," he said: "Our preparation for the Pilkington Cup semi-final was spoilt and now the same will happen before the match which may decide the league title. I feel very badly about it. I blame the league title. I blame the way of practice for the wrong way in which we are playing. We just haven't had the players there and that's been the case since Christmas."

"Frankly, we haven't played really well the whole season, except in spasmodic periods. We have not put together a

totally compelling game for the full 80 minutes."

Leicester started this match as first division leaders on points difference, but they offered not a trace of the authority one would expect from potential champions. They failed to assert themselves suddenly up front, despite Harlequins handing them so much lineup possession from Mitchell's woeful throwing in.

The consequent lack of possession condemned Harlequins to a scrappy, spoiling game. Although they never looked like winning, they managed to drag Leicester closer to their level.

Dean Richards will be fit to resume on Saturday, his first game since the autumn Cup match, and John Wells should have recovered from a knee injury. But Leicester's inability to penetrate consistently and

decisively against an enthusiastic defence was disturbing. Even when they did, errors proliferated. Only Lyle's goalkicking looked convincing.

Tony Underwood's try, which came from a gliding run down the baseline that reduced the defenders to a standstill, was the lone moment of class. It settled the fate of increasingly desperate opponents who will face the remainder of the season with as much trepidation as Leicester await the encounter with Bath.

**SCORES:** Leicester: Try: Tony Underwood. Conversion: Lyle. Leicester 10, Bath 0.

**GOAL KICKERS:** Lyle. Penalty goals: Challenor.

**LEICESTER:** Try: Lyle. S: Mackinnon. D: Leighton. T: Underwood. F: Hems. J: Hamblin. D: Lyle. F: Cockburn. D: Edwards. J: Wadsworth. T: Hems. S: Mackinnon. C: Tarkenton. W: replaced by M. Grant, 76min.

**BATH:** Try: Hems. S: Mackinnon. C: Parle. Conversion: C. Wright. C: Wright. D: Leighton. T: Underwood. F: Hems. J: Hamblin. D: Lyle. F: Cockburn. D: Edwards. J: Wadsworth. T: Hems. S: Mackinnon. C: Parle. W: replaced by M. Grant, 76min.

**GOAL KICKERS:** Hems. Penalties: J. Challenor. S: Brown. S: Mitchell. A. Mullins. M. Watson. A. Snow. M. Russell. R. Jenkins. C. Parle.

**Referee:** J. Pearson (NFU).

## Jones aims to regain fitness for World Cup


DERWYN Jones, the Wales lock who damaged ankle ligaments and had to be carried from Cardiff Arms Park on a stretcher on Saturday, is hoping he will recover in time for the World Cup, which starts next month (Bryan Stiles writes).

Alex Evans, the new Wales coach, said: "We go to South Africa in six weeks and it is touch and go whether he will be with us." The 6ft 10in policeman was taken to Cardiff Royal Infirmary after his team's 72-3 rout of Aberavon in the quarter-finals of the Swansea Cup.

Jones, whose ankle will be

Jones, whose ankle was in plaster for ten days, said: "Naturally I'm disappointed but it could have been worse. What I want to hope is that while the plaster comes off I'll be able to play again pretty quickly, and maybe even be available for the Cup final on May 6 if Cardiff win their semi-final." He will have a scan tomorrow.

South Africa make six changes from the side that beat Wales last November before their only international before the World Cup. They include the uncapped Transvaal hooker, Chris Rossouw, against Western Samoa in Johannesburg next Thursday, after the retirement of Uli Schmidt and injury to James Dalton. The captain, Pieterse, confirmed his fitness on Saturday.



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# Wasps maintain expansionist policy

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IN THE sunlit Utopian uplands of rugby union's running game, the entertainers duly entertained. The theory that Wasps are further down the evolutionary road than the club that shares their vision was also proved.

Whereas Sale are somewhat one-dimensional, their impetus generated principally by Paul Turner, Wasps' creativity can originate from anywhere, and did at Heywood Road on Saturday. A point of attack as likely to be Damian Hopley, carving through the centre, as White and Dallaglio. flankers who jab holes out wide like a pair of knitting needles, is fulfilment of a total rugby concept that has breathed life this season into the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship.

Pragmatists in overcoming Bath and Leicester in successive weeks, Wasps were back to being paragons of expansionist virtue. Five changes failed to disturb their balance. Even in a fledgling half-back combination of Braithwaite and the exciting Gornarsall, the England A scrum half, this philosophy appeared ingrained. For only the second league match this season, Sale were try-less. The smoother

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ing black wall they came up against was only partly the problem. Mad control and better support being allied to the spirit they maintained to the end, their attacks might have been better rewarded than by the four penalty goals Lleyland managed.

What Wasps possessed, crucially, was too much class in the back row. They also benefited from Popplewell's ability to

breach the gain-time seemingly at will and Hadley's thunderous driving in the loose. It was 25 minutes before Sale won a linetout.

The London side can both delight and infuriate with pat penalties when three points are begging, but it wins more friends than enemies. However, in a game never off a short fuse, Ryan, the Wasps captain, for the second game running, and Diamond, of Sale, received yellow cards.

All three tries came down Sale's vulnerable left side. Phil Hopley was on the end of two and Gomersall the other in scores indicating the quick hands and quick thinking that have become Wasps' hallmarks of excellence.

**HALLMARKS OF EXCELLENCE**


Sale: Pacey, Pace, Personality goals; Liley (4). Wasps: Tries: P. Hopley (2), Cammerson, Connerston; Union: Sweeney; Sale: Rimmer; Gloucester: C. Yates, P. Sale; Riley (4); Mather (2); Saracens: C. Yates, P. Sale; Saracens: J. Sweeney (2); Sale: P. Diamond, A. Smith, D. Emslie, J. Fowler, D. Baldwin, N. Ashurst, C. Myers; Gloucester: P. Jones, J. Gifford, J. Gifford, J. Gifford; Wasps: S. Pigott (4); Gloucester: N. Poppellwell, P. Delaney, J. Wiggins, D. Russell, M. Greenwood, M. Hadley, M. White, D. Ryant; Gloucester replaced by J. Ryan (12min).

Referee: E. Morrison (Bristol)

**SOUTH AFRICA:** G. Johnson (Transvaal), J. Small (Natal), J. Mulder (Transvaal), B. Vanter (Orange Free State), C. Williams (Western Province), H. le Roux (Transvaal), J. van der Westhuizen (Northern Transvaal), J. du Randt (Orange Free State), C. Rossouw (Transvaal), S. Swart (Transvaal), F. Pieterse (Transvaal, captain), J. Wiese (Transvaal), M. Andrews (Natal), R. Kruger (Northern Transvaal), R. Sherrill (Transvaal).

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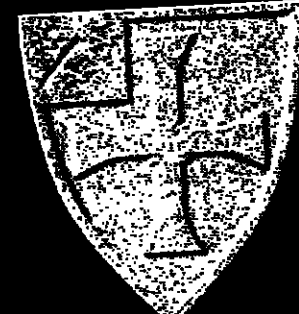
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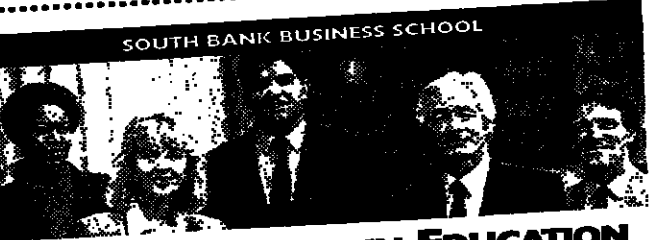
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## Museums' party piece

Schoolchildren are in for a treat at some of our dusty old institutions, says David Tytler

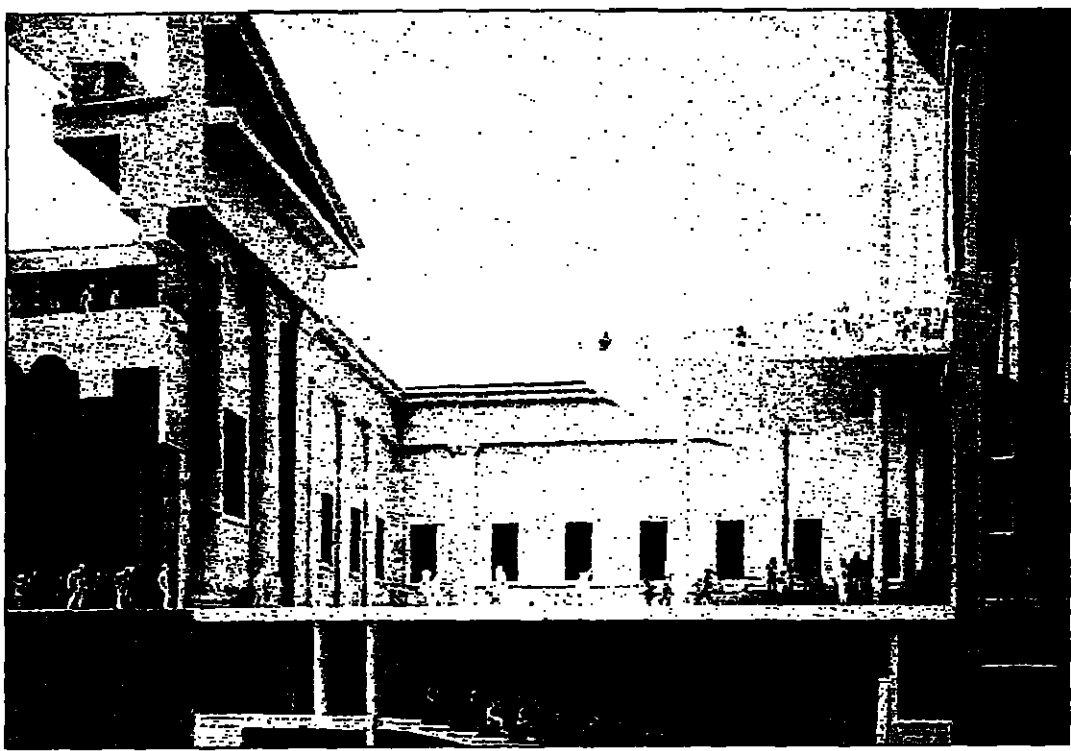
They are our hidden universities, with some of the leading academics in their fields, the best specialist libraries and the stuff of history at their fingertips — yet they work largely unsung and unknown. Now Britain's museums are coming into the marketplace to sell their wares.

Critics say that because of the free market they are losing sight of their real purpose: that catchpenny exhibitions are there only to attract entrance fees. The museums naturally disagree, and say their measures and expertise are for everyone.

This week the British Museum, which charges no fees, and the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich present new facilities for schools, whose pupils are visiting them in unprecedented numbers. Geoffrey House, head of public services at the British Museum, says they are remaining true to the original Act of Parliament that set them up in 1753 to be a place for the "learned and the curious".

The museum plans to celebrate its 250th anniversary with a £60 million development of the Great Court housing the Round Reading Room of the British Library, which will be moved to new premises as soon as they are complete. Sir Norman Foster, the architect, won the competition for the scheme to include an expanded education department, now being considered by the Millennium Fund.

Sir Norman's plan will in effect create a new square in the heart of London: the size of Wembley Stadium, with restaurants and shops, and more in keeping with the 1823 vision of the architect Robert Smirke, who saw a central courtyard at the heart of the building giving access to all the galleries. It was a vision never realised, because within two years of completion in 1850 it was decided to



Part of the British Museum's £60 million Great Court scheme with one of the new lecture theatres

house the British Library in the Round Reading Room. Since then the surrounding courtyard has become a shanty town of book stacks.

The reading room will house the museum's information centre, where visitors will be able to find out for themselves more about the collection and cultures in the museum through reference books and a computerised database. The detailed plans, to be announced this week, include seminar rooms, two lecture theatres, improved research facilities, and interactive and virtual reality computer systems which, says the museum, will allow visitors "to walk through the Acropolis in the 5th century BC".

Anticipating groans from the traditionalists, Mr House says: "The reading room will remain a library. The furniture, the whole ambience, is of a library, and it must remain a library. Study rooms will continue to exist for people who need that kind of depth. For others, we will make our collection more accessible, telling them more about it and where they can find what they need."

Of the six million visitors to the museum every year about 160,000 are children in school parties, three times the number before the introduction of the national curriculum in 1988. Up to 1,000 a day can be in the museum, whose school dining-room seats only 30.

Mr House says: "We have a full programme of events and lectures now but we are limited by lack of space. We will be able to bring education into the middle of the museum, where people will be able to come all day and into the evening, with a regular programme of lectures and events."

While the British Museum's plans are for the future, the National Maritime Museum is opening a new £40,000 children's gallery as part of its £1.3 million education centre. The "All Hands Gallery" is designed for children aged five to 11, and will allow them to discover history for themselves through the five ages of seafaring and their accompanying skills. Starting with the Vikings, the gallery will take children through

15th-century explorers and Victorian shipbuilders to Tracy Edwards, who completed the 1989-90 Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race with an all-female crew.

As well as the lives of the seafarers, children will be able to experience the skills they needed, such as cargo handling, by loading a model boat which will capsize if incorrectly packed, or signalling with flags, an Aldis lamp and Morse key. They will also be able to practise their gunnery skills using a canon and a computer.

Helene Mitchell, who planned the new gallery, says that the museum has been careful not to fall into the trap of designing a gallery that was fun but had little relation to the real purpose of the museum. "Everything is linked to exhibits already held by the museum and they will be shown in glass cases alongside the hands-on displays."

Last year 107,000 children visited Greenwich in school parties, and the displays are carefully linked to specific areas of the national curriculum. Schools will be able to buy an annual pass for £60 for unrestricted pre-booked visits.

## Ben Preston on the needy children failed by the system

## Treat with care

THE CHILDREN who need education the most are youngsters who have faced the family break-ups, neglect, abuse and sudden changes of school and home that come too frequently with being "looked after" by the state.

Yet many of the 45,000 schoolchildren in care miss school regularly and few gain qualifications. A powerful new study by the Social Services Inspectorate and the Office for Standards in Education explains that teachers spend too much time trying to counsel children on their problems, rather than helping them to pass the examinations they need to lead fulfilled adult lives.

The report, based on the school records of 1,200 children in residential or foster homes in four local authorities, paints a bleak portrait of a muddled system that squanders the goodwill of numerous individual teachers and social workers. It argues that the interests of children are too often lost in a bureaucratic tangle. As a result, too many children are left to underachieve at school without the help — or threat — of someone acting as an interested parent over the years to encourage them. The inspectors report that children in care usually lag behind classmates in primary school, and many actually regress at secondary school.

Most worrying, truancy be-

comes endemic among teenagers. The inspectors found that one in four children in care aged 14-16 skipped lessons regularly. The finding tallies depressingly with previous research highlighting the links between care, crime, homelessness and prison. The Prison Reform Trust found that almost 40 per cent of prisoners in young offender institutions and nearly one quarter of those in adult prisons have been in care.

THE RECORD of local authority children's homes has been under increasing scrutiny recently. The Audit Commission disclosed last year that in some it costs up to £100,000 — eight times the annual fees for Eton College — to look after a child. On average, the cost of a place was £30,000 per child, yet this provided poor value for the 10,000 children in homes, because most were inadequate.

But the problems detailed by the joint Ofsted and SSI report are systemic. Parental responsibility are not kept properly informed of their child's progress and rarely take a concerned interest. Performance at school is also hampered by "drift and day" surrounding decisions about where children should be looked after.

Children complained to researchers that teachers knew too much about their personal lives. The information was then either used "too sympathetically to condone unacceptable behaviour" or was used to label a child as "difficult".

David Singleton, a senior Ofsted inspector, underlined the need for a cultural change in the way teachers treat such children: "Teachers often see the personal and family problems of children, and they need to be helped before they can address the problem of raising their academic achievement." But we feel that we cannot postpone a child's education progress.

Mr Singleton said that each child should be given a named key worker as onlooker, practical step on the long list to improvement. "Because you people have difficulties, it does not mean we should not expect a lot from them. They have the potential to achieve."

CLAIRE Selby, 17, had excellent school reports until two years ago, and was expected to get eight high-grade GCSEs. But at 15 she went into local authority care and her educational prospects collapsed.

"When I turned 16 the social services took me away from my foster parents and put me in a bed and breakfast with drug addicts and criminals. I had a lot of time off school because people were very judgmental that I was in care. Some teachers tried to be supportive but they didn't know what they were doing. Then Barnardo's found me a shared house and treated me as if I was the only one they'd got who needed help."

"Now I'm doing a Youth Training Scheme in retail, and I have applied for college in September

to do three GCSEs, but my priority is getting money and somewhere permanent to live."

Michelle Leslie, 16, has been in care since the age of four. During adolescence she was regularly moved, registering at five schools in six years. She ran away numerous times and was expelled from her last school for disruptive behaviour.

"I was never brilliant at school but I sometimes tried quite hard. I wanted to go to university but I didn't know anyone from care who had done that. Teachers aren't interested if you don't have a real parent demanding results. My work slumped every time I moved schools. I am trying hard to believe I have a future but sometimes that seems like a joke."

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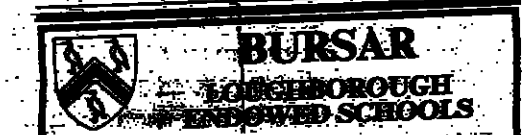
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# Risks and opportunities in EMU high-wire act

Delays to the introduction of a European single currency could be politically divisive, says Wolfgang Münchau

ONE of the most cooperating features of the European Union is the tendency for ministers to take important decisions in the middle of a lunch or dinner. The meeting of EU Economics and Finance Ministers in Versailles was such an occasion. The meeting was supposed to be informal, but ministers still reached a "broad consensus" to prolong the so-called "interim" phase of European monetary union. This phase, at the end of stage two of EMU, marks the time-lag between the political decision by European heads of state as to which countries will be allowed to join, and the date when ECU currencies will be irrevocably locked in.

The Maastricht treaty stipulated six months for this interim period, which would give the new European Central Bank time to get up and running. After that, there will be another delay, of up to four years, until the new European banknotes actually find their way into the Euro-

citizen's pocket. We are now writing about the year 2003 or 2004. Led by the Germans, the ministers concluded that six months would be insufficient for operational reasons. After all, it takes considerable time to set up a prestigious central bank, complete with dealing rooms and marble-clad presidential suites.

This new "consensus" has several important consequences for EMU. January 1, 1999, is the latest possible starting date for stage three. Thanks to the Maastricht treaty, it cannot be moved. A decision to prolong the interim period therefore inevitably means that the political decision for EMU will have to be taken earlier than envisaged, in this case, no later than December 1997. This means

that even if the EU was to delay EMU for as long as legally possible, a political decision will still need to be taken in a little over two years. It also means that Britain would have to decide to opt-out, either by parliamentary vote or by referendum.

Secondly, the earlier the political decision is taken, the fewer countries will qualify. Little wonder that the Germans are particularly keen on this idea. And once the political decision is made, the balance of political power will suddenly shift to the European Central Bank. Among the first items the bank will have on its agenda is the look and design of the new banknotes. It will decide whether it will be possible for Britain, if it

joined, to retain the Queen's head on ECU banknotes, whether to shrink it, or whether to replace it.

The most important implication of a long interim period is the speculative opportunities it opens up for the currency markets. Both Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, and Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank President, expressed concern about exchange-rate stability in that period. What, for example, would happen if the foreign exchange markets, ahead of the 1999 deadline, took a last destabilising whack at the exchange-rate mechanism? Would EMU still be possible if one or two currencies had to be devalued against the mark? Would not German public opinion revolt

over the single currency under such circumstances, especially less than a year before federal elections?

This danger also carries a political opportunity. The pending market uncertainty will serve as an ingenious excuse for the Germans to restrict EMU to a small core of countries around Germany, the currencies of which are least prone to such speculative attacks. This group would include the Dutch, the Austrians, the French (possibly) and — opt-out permitting — the British.

In effect, the longer the interim period is to last, the stronger is the argument that a large-scale monetary union is not only undesirable, but also impossible. But the smaller the number of countries allowed to take part, the more politically divisive EMU is bound to be, especially if it is restricted to northern member states. Whatever happens, EMU will be a high-wire act with unprecedented risks and opportunities.

## More jobs to go in financial services.

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE number of financial services jobs is falling again — and is set to fall further, according to new figures today which suggest a mixed picture of confidence across the sector as overall business volumes rise at a lower than expected rate.

The latest figures from the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) and the Institute of Financial Services survey suggest a softening of the improvement in the sector.

Business economists expect unemployment in the economy as a whole to fall again by up to 30,000 in new figures on Wednesday. But the latest figures from the financial services survey suggest mixed results from a key economic area.

While business confidence overall in the sector strengthened for the tenth successive quarter, the improvement in optimism has slipped a little, from a balance in December of 36 per cent of firms — those saying they are more optimistic against those saying they are less so — to 28 per cent now.

Within that, though, the picture is still more mixed, with banks and venture capitalists reporting increased optimism, and building societies, fund managers, insurers and finance houses reporting the largest declines in confidence.

In the wake of continuing large-scale job losses announced by some leading

banks — Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive of Lloyds, last week forecast a further fall of 75,000 banking jobs in the next few years — the survey shows that employment in the financial services sector was lower over the past three months for the first time since March last year.

Only 2 per cent on balance of the 261 companies surveyed in the sector believe that jobs are still rising — down markedly from 11 per cent in the last survey. Looking ahead over the next three months, a balance of 17 per cent of companies believe that employment will fall.

Life insurers and insurance brokers are the least optimistic about job prospects over the next three months.

Business volumes rose by less than expected in the first three months of this year, the survey shows. While companies in the sector are forecasting a strong pick-up in business over the next quarter, CBI analysts pointed out that expectations have run ahead of results in the survey over the past two years.

Business with financial institutions fell over the period, and is predicted to fall again during the next three months, though transactions with private individuals rose. Overall profitability rose for the thirteenth successive quarter.



All bets are on for John Trewitt, left, David Gilthorpe and Nick Trewitt of Gus Carter

## Gus Carter ready for the off to a listing

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

GUS CARTER, the North East of England betting office chain, which on Saturday took £330,000 in bets on the Grand National, today declares the "off" for a private share placing that is expected to raise £3.5 million gross.

The off-course betting chain, which by turnover is one of the ten largest betting groups in Britain, operates 72 betting offices, of which 23 are owned and 49 are leased. It employs 450 people, of whom 332 are part-time.

The board hopes that a Stock Exchange listing will help further its ambition to expand by acquisition, increasing the number of outlets to at least 150.

The placing price of the shares will be announced on May 2, and first-time dealings are expected on May 9. The placing will put at least one third of the company's equity into public hands. Gus Carter aims for a progressive dividend policy, with a maiden dividend for the current year, ending December 31.

The Trewitt family has been associated with Gus Carter since 1958. John Trewitt, managing director, and his brother Nick Trewitt, development director, assumed control of the firm from their father in 1985.

Since 1992, Gus Carter's turnover and operating profit have shown compound growth of 9 per cent and 31 per cent, respectively. In the year to end-December, turnover was £43.6 million (£40.8 million), on which an operating profit of £1.52 million (£1.08 million) was achieved.

Net earnings in 1994 were 6.3p (3.2p) a share. Net assets at December 31, 1994, totalled £10.1 million, and net cash inflow from operating activities in 1994 was £1.9 million.

Gordon Hodgson, chief executive of Cowie Group, will be the company's non-executive chairman. Other board members are Nick Trewitt, David Gilthorpe, finance, and Alan Mordant, chairman of Quality Software Product Holdings, who will be non-executive.

John Trewitt says there are several developments in off-course betting from which Gus Carter should benefit.

## IMF predicts rising inflation in Italy

THE International Monetary Fund has drawn up a harsh report on Italy, predicting rising inflation because of the lira's decline, and urging rapid progress to sort out public finances. Italian sources say. Speaking at a weekend meeting of European Union Finance Ministers in France, Lamberto Dini, Italy's Prime Minister, who also holds the finance portfolio, said he thought the IMF was pessimistic. "It seems to me a bit of a severe analysis. Inflationary impact of the budget should be absorbed in the space of a few months."

The IMF document says Italian authorities must not take for granted the willingness of savers to continue to support the national debt by buying government bonds. Milan's *Corriere della Sera* quoted the IMF document as saying: "Positive macroeconomic developments have been obscured by the hovering threat of a crisis of confidence demonstrated by the nervousness of the financial markets." A strong rise in prices would threaten the wage discipline which in 1993 and 1994 had been important in containing inflation, said the IMF. Italy's recent 20,000 billion lire mini-budget must be followed by further measures to deal with long-term costs, it said.

## Unilever lifts board pay

SIR MICHAEL PERRY, chairman of Unilever, received a pay increase of 23 per cent in 1994, a year in which the Anglo-Dutch food and soap group increased its net profit before exceptional items by 2 per cent to £1,571 million. Unilever's 1994 annual accounts disclose that the chairman's salary and benefits increased from £599,220 in 1993 to £686,890 in 1994. In addition, performance-related payments rose from £63,600 to £132,060 last year. Contributions to the chairman's pension also increased, up from £28,000 to £36,000. The total cost of the Unilever board, excluding pensions, rose last year by 22 per cent to £8.2 million. Meanwhile, the chairman and chief executive of John Lewis, the department stores group, is forgoing a chunk of his salary. Stuart Hampson is only accepting £274,000 out of his entitlement of £483,000. The 34,000 full-time staff of the group have just received bonuses amounting to 12 per cent of salary.

## US contract for BNF

BRITISH Nuclear Fuels has teamed up with Morrison Knudsen, the troubled American engineering firm, to win a five-year, environmental clean-up subcontract worth up to \$1 billion. The US Department of Energy awarded an overall management contract for its Rocky Flats Environmental Technology site in Colorado to Kaiser-Hill, which in turn sub-contracted Rocky Mountain Remediation Services. RMRS was created by Morrison Knudsen and BNF just to bid for the lucrative sub-contract. A Morrison Knudsen spokesman said yesterday the project would make use of BNF's waste management technology and Morrison Knudsen's environment restoration skill.

## Equities find favour

FUND managers are taking a more bullish view of the equity market. More institutions are planning to increase the weighting of their portfolios towards shares and away from bonds and property, says a survey conducted this month by Gallup for Smith New Court, the broker. A growing number of institutions favour equities, with the percentage planning to increase weighing rising from 21 per cent in February to 28 per cent in April. But European equities are out of favour, while Japanese equities are steady with 22 per cent planning to raise allocations. Funds are less keen on gilts with only 2 per cent planning to increase, while property remains out of favour.

## Mercedes set for record

MERCEDES-BENZ, the German vehicle group, is forecast to announce a record profit of more than DM1.8 billion for 1994 today (up from DM1.340 billion), allowing the combined Daimler-Benz group, Germany's biggest industrial undertaking, to show a profit of just over DM1 billion for the year. Two other major parts of the group are thought to have made heavy losses. AEG, the electrical engineering subsidiary, is forecast in Germany to show a DM400 million loss and Dasa, the aerospace business, an even larger deficit. AEG has agreed to merge its loss-making railway business with ABB's larger operation, but further restructuring of AEG's rambling operations is expected.

## Merck funding plan

OWNERS of E Merck, the hitherto private German drugs and chemical group, are to go ahead with plans to raise up to DM12.5 billion by issuing shares internationally through a new subsidiary in the autumn. The flotation, one of Germany's biggest, calls for Merck to form a unit called Merck KGaA. E Merck will contribute most of its capital to the new unit and own around 75 per cent of the subsidiary, but will continue to exist as a company. The 25 per cent of Merck KGaA shares not held by Merck itself will be placed internationally by banking consortia in autumn 1995. Shareholders will get dividends based on profits from both companies, which will be linked.

## Low oil prices force coal plant closure

BY CARL MORTSHED

LOW oil prices are bringing to an end British Coal's ten-year project to generate petrol from coal. The £44 million coal liquefaction plant at Point of Ayr in North Wales is to shut down in June and, unless another owner is found, the plant will be demolished.

The pilot project received funding from British Coal and the UK Government as well as the European Commission, Ruhrkohle, Amoco and Exxon. The Commission, which has spent £14.4 million on the pilot plant, recently approved extra support of £1.2 million for further demonstrations of the technology, which uses a liquid solvent extraction process to produce high-grade gasol-

## Electricity retail profits set to fall

THE profitability of the electrical retailing market is set to fall in the coming year, according to a new study by Verdict, the retail research firm (Susan Gilchrist writes).

Verdict believes continued price competition and pressure on extended warranty profits will force further rationalisation within the sector, plagued by overcapacity. The extended warranty business has been hit by the publication of the OFT report, which heavily criticised the way they were sold.

It expects to see Regional Electricity Companies such as Seaboard and Northern pull out of the market in the near future and believes Powerhouse, the joint venture between Eastern, Southern and Midlands, may also be sold.

## AAH prepares to publish final defence to Gehe bid

BY SARAH BAGNALL

THIS week is crunch week in the takeover battle for AAH, the UK's largest pharmaceutical wholesaler and retailer. AAH will tomorrow unveil its final defence salvo aimed at persuading City investors that a 42p-a-share offer by Gehe, the German drugs wholesaler, is inadequate.

In a key defence document, AAH will reveal that it expects substantial benefits from its extensive rationalisation to feed through in results for the year to March 31, 1996. The group, whose chairman is John Padovan, has nearly completed a four-year reorganisation aimed at focusing the group on its core activities. To date, none of the benefits has shown in profits.



Padovan: core activities

nor have the eventual cost savings been quantified. The defence document is expected to provide details on the savings, which could be

significant. The UK company is also likely to announce the sale of a couple of small non-core businesses as well as give an indication of how things are progressing on the intended sale of the environmental services operations.

The City is standing firm in its belief that Gehe will raise its current cash offer, which values AAH at £377 million. AAH's shares closed on Friday at 437p — a premium of 17p on the current bid.

Under the offer timetable, Gehe has until next Tuesday to respond, but analysts are predicting that any higher offer would be made before the start of the Easter break. This is because many City workers are not expected back at their desks until the start of the following week.

CHANGE ON WEEK		
THE POUND		
Australia \$	2.28	2.11
Austria Sch	16.56	15.05
Belgium Fr	48.40	44.10
Canada \$	2.340	2.180
Cyprus Cyp	0.746	0.680
Denmark Kr	9.32	8.52
Finland Mk	7.41	6.76
France Fr	8.14	7.49
Germany Dr	2.36	2.15
Greece Dr	377.00	352.00
Hong Kong \$	13.07	12.07
Ireland Ir	1.05	0.97
Italy Lit	5,248	4,495
Japan Yen	264.00	268.00
Malta	148.50	133.50
Netherlands Gld	0.597	0.542
Norway Kr	2.626	2.398
Poland Zlot	10.50	9.70
Portugal Esc	245.00	228.50
S Africa Rd	rd	5.36
Spain Ptas	208.00	195.00
Sweden Kr	12.48	11.68
Switzerland Fr	1.94	1.78
Turkey Lira	rd	65074.0
USA \$	1.574	1.574

STOCK MARKET		
FT 30 share	2454.1	(+46.7)
FT-SE 100	3210.9	(+73.0)
New York Dow Jones	4192.62	(+34.93)
Tokyo Nikkei Ave	15719.50	(-420.45)

ANSWERS FROM PAGE 22		
MACARONIC		
13) We all know A.D. Godley's schoolboy verse, "What is this that weareth thus? Can it be a motor bus? Yes, the smell and hideous hum/ Indicate motorem bus." The proper name for this type of poem is macaronic, that is, a poem of a language written in which a modern vernacular language is mixed in with Latin words or inflections. Derivations from macaronic: a sweet biscuit with almond flavour, and macaronic: a buffoon or crazy mixed-up kid.		
AUTOCHTHON		
14) An aboriginal inhabitant, such as a Maori or, for want of any personable living Beaker person, a Celt in Britain. A grand synonym for aboriginal. There is no such word as aborigine, though we are working as it. But aborigine is an acceptable plural for aboriginal. "There is no need to be so haughty, therefore, I know that you have been the prime doings of the superior." "I know that you have been the prime doings of the superior." "I know that you have been the prime doings of the superior."		
HALITUS		
15) Exhalation or breath, from the Latin word. Do not confuse this word with halitosis or bad breath. "Your halitus is coming on a bit strong this morning. Nice. You haven't been out jogging again, have you?"		
UNASYNOLIS		
16) Being equally stupid. "What a beautiful and encouraging wedding service. So rare to see a couple so suited — so well-matched, so good-looking, so unreasoning in every respect."		
SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE		
1) Black 2... Rxb2 2 Qxb5 mates, while 1... Rxb2 2 Qxb5 is hopeless. Black tried 1... Rxb2 but after 2 Qxb5 Rxb2 3 Rxd1 White won easily with his top extra pawns.		

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One vital decision came out of the vaunted Berlin conference on global warming. The gathering's German hosts succeeded in their most vital aim: to place the permanent headquarters of the UN climate convention in Bonn, the charming but fast-emptying former West German capital. Judging from the pompous posturing and dad's army bickering that marked the 11 days, the secretariat might better be billeted at Walmington-on-Sea under the stewardship of the fabled Captain Mainwaring.

Outwardly, at least, the superior cynics were proved right. For all the rhetoric beforehand that "something must be done", it turned out that countries claimed to be responsible for the climate taking a nasty turn, or who might become responsible, were not prepared to commit themselves to doing anything definite about it on any fixed timetable.

This scarcely matters if global warming and allied ills are passing scares. Dynamic inaction might be the best response. Even if adverse long-term changes were merely probable, there might be a case for waiting until any perils were imminent enough to spur action. That is the approach of *The Economist*, one of the most superior cynics. "Patience should be the watchword", it argued. "There is still time to bask in the sun".

Watching the daffodils emerge in London's St James's Park after a long dark winter, the prospect of a little more warmth behind the

## Keep the lights burning in Walmington-on-Sea



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

spring sunshine hardly seems a threat. That was not, however, the view of governments represented in Berlin, except a few oil-producers. Rather, they thought the issue serious, but failed to grapple with it.

This distinction is important for business. There will be continuous pressure for action to cut carbon dioxide emissions, even if none ensues. And British industry will lose yet again if it follows the superior cynics and lets others gain commercial advantage.

The Berlin conference had two purposes. It was to review progress on the Rio declarations to bring emissions back to 1990 levels by the end of the century — most of the limited progress was thanks to recession — and it aimed to prepare for yet another conference in Japan in 1997, when countries would supposedly commit themselves to real cuts on a timetable at the start of the next century. It showed, instead, that the process was likely to become bogged down in much the same way as the Catti negotiations. The issue looks like deteriorating into one of those North-South battles that are becoming routine in the post-Cold War world. The impasse at the

Madrid IMF meeting was an augury of things to come.

This North-South battle depends on a basic assumption. Both sides seem to see a direct conflict between economic growth and competitiveness and cutting carbon emissions from burning fossil fuels in power stations, vehicles, steel and cement works *et al*. Developing countries therefore argue that the burden of cuts should be borne by the industrial world, which burns most of the fuel, so that they should not be prevented from escaping from poverty. Some advanced countries have turned this round. They want to pay developing countries to plant for-

ests, which absorb the carbon dioxide, and count that as a cut in their own emissions. This bright idea is like counting privatisation proceeds as negative public spending. It did not sound well in haughty parts of South America.

Developing countries are crucial because their use of fossil fuels is growing so fast. A new study by DRI International Energy Consulting suggests that primary energy demand in China will rise from about 750 million tonnes of oil equivalent in 1993 to between 1,800 and 1,950 million tonnes in the next 20 years — a rise of about 150 per cent. DRI projects that coal will continue to supply about two-thirds of this.

Britain used about 220 million tonnes in 1993, so a minor reduction would not make much difference. The industrial countries of Western Europe as a whole consumed about 1,400 million tonnes in 1993. Even a 20 per cent cut over the next 20 years in energy use (admittedly not a straight proxy for emissions) would account only for about a quarter of the rise in China alone.

There is every reason to think, therefore, that international agreements will not bring self-restraint in

energy use. Industrial countries are unlikely to cut enough fossil fuel use at their own economic expense sufficiently to outdo the rise in use by developing countries. Nor could they compensate emerging nations enough to join in.

Pressure and progress are therefore likely to shift in another direction: to removing the perceived economic penalties of cutting greenhouse gas emissions. That will operate through market forces and innovation backed by regulations in industrial countries and sales and transfers of technology to poorer countries. Essentially, the drive will be to produce power in other ways, principally solar and nuclear, and to increase the fuel efficiency of everything from power stations and motor cars to domestic appliances.

The choice of Bonn, in the flood-conscious Rhine valley, is important for business. Germany, and therefore the European Union, will be in the van, pressing for change and rewarding firms that can deliver it.

The UK could make a useful start if it managed to co-ordinate policy a bit better. Regional electricity companies are under pressure from politicians and regulators to transfer their cash surpluses to customers. That is a dubious exercise, not least legally. Better to use windfall money to save energy than to cut bills. Don't quibble. Subsidies, or give away, low-energy light fittings and bulbs, whose initial expense is far too high for average families to convert all their fittings.

## Saints come marching in

Monday Play: Veronica's Handkerchief. Radio 4, 7.45pm.

Sarah Woods's fantasy poses the question: how can religious faith best survive in a materialistic world? I guarantee you will not hear a stranger play during the run-up to Easter. The play, written by the playwrights, saints Matthew, John and Luke (Elizabeth Estensen) return to earth to help/hinder a journey (Elizabeth Estensen) who desperately needs some spiritual topping-up. St John tosses panicles and a good saviour. St Matthew plays a mortal combat game on a personal computer. St Veronica says she will give up Christianity for Lent. The wife stops to the bull in the pulpit, and a second Great Flood threatens. I only wish I could offer you a more helpful summary of Veronica's Handkerchief's quirky plot.

Telling Stories: Gewitzrammer. Radio 3, 9.50pm.

Every year, at about this time, something pleasant happens for the story. The BBC anthology with a ravenous appetite for the short story, the BBC publishes an anthology of tales by emerging and established writers. We hear four of these on Radio 3 this week, beginning tonight with Nicholas Le Prevost's reading of a comical story of an unrepentant setting of acres. Gewitzrammer is a racehorse. It is also the private explosive a journalist uses whenever he recalls how a colleague did him out of a big win in the Derby. Gewitzrammer is a racehorse, not when the writer and his family spend a fortnight in a Tuscan farmhouse owned by said colleague.

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### RADIO 2

6.00am: 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15: Praise for Thought 7.30: Wake Up to Wogan 8.15: Praise for Thought 8.30: Ken Bruce, including at 8.00-8.15: Pick of the Hits 11.30: Jimmy Young 2.00pm: Glastonbury 2.30: Ed Stewart 3.00: John Peel 7.00: Hubert Green 7.30: Ed Stewart 8.00: Big Band 8.30: Big Band 9.00: Big Band 9.30: Big Band 10.00: Up in the Air 10.30: The Jam 10.45: The Jam 11.00: The Jam 11.15: The Jam 11.30: The Jam 11.45: The Jam 12.00: The Jam 12.15: The Jam 12.30: The Jam 12.45: The Jam 1.00: The Jam 1.15: The Jam 1.30: The Jam 1.45: The Jam 2.00: The Jam 2.15: The Jam 2.30: The Jam 2.45: The Jam 3.00: The Jam 3.15: The Jam 3.30: The Jam 3.45: The Jam 4.00: The Jam 4.15: The Jam 4.30: The Jam 4.45: The Jam 5.00: The Jam 5.15: The Jam 5.30: The Jam 5.45: The Jam 6.00: The Jam 6.15: The Jam 6.30: The Jam 6.45: The Jam 7.00: The Jam 7.15: The Jam 7.30: The Jam 7.45: The Jam 8.00: The Jam 8.15: The Jam 8.30: The Jam 8.45: The Jam 9.00: The Jam 9.15: The Jam 9.30: The Jam 9.45: The 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## Matthew Bond

ways, always a tie — presumably justifying a series of unscheduled tournaments. But continuity have got hold of him for the new series — he wore the same modern anorak and chunky polo-neck throughout. Let's hope no one cuts themselves.

**F**inally, and not before time, it was time to say farewell to *The Upper Hand* (ITV), the romantic comedy that rather lost its *raison d'être* once it became clear that Charlie (Joe McGann) and Caroline (Diana West) would have to bridge the social divide that separated male housekeeper from career woman. On Saturday night they finally made to the altar, but only after overcoming fire, rain and some outrageous over-acting from Honor Blackman. "Now let's work on that bust," said her exercise tape. "No point gilding the lily," replied Blackman. Somehow, you couldn't help but agree.

CHANNEL 4

- 7.00 **The Big Breakfast** (36687)  
 9.00 **Spacecase** (r) (58720)  
 9.30 **California Dreams** (5027497)  
 9.55 **Gamesmaster** (r) (8106318)  
 10.25 **Batman: The Joker's Last Laugh** (4132818)  
 10.55 **TinTin** (r) (5375107)  
 11.20 **Pugwail's Summer** (r) (5619942)  
 11.50 **Terrytoons** (b/w) (8665785)  
 12.00 **Reply to Reply** (r) (s) (Teletext) (78584)  
 12.30pm **Sesame Street** (r) (38107)  
 1.30 **Mr. Men, followed by Paddington, The Wombles and Further Tales of the Riverbank** (r) (93611)  
 2.00 **Hypnosis — The Big Sleep.** Andrew Norton looks at the evidence for and against hypnosis (r). (Teletext) (46872)  
 3.00 **The Late Late Show** (s) (5720)  
 4.00 **Gardens without Borders: Italy** (r) (s) (Teletext) (294)  
 4.30 **Fifteen to One** (s) (Teletext) (478)  
 5.00 **The Golden Girls: We're Outta Here.** A one-hour special sees the girls' house put up for sale as a practical joke (r) (Teletext) (5687)  
 6.00 **The Cosby Show: And So, We Commence** (r). (s) (Teletext) (378497)  
 6.55 **Sid Mission** Freestyle skiing in Canada Without dialogue (581478)  
 7.00 **Channel 4 News and Weather** (Teletext) (848126)  
 7.50 **My Wagner.** Pierre Boulez with the new libretto of the composer (806584)  
 8.00 **The Long-Legged Marching Eagle.** Otherwise known as the secretary bird, the marching eagle is deceptively powerful (Teletext) (9636)  
 8.30 **Only When I Laugh: When Did You Last See Your Father?** (r) (Teletext) (1167)  
 9.00 **Deadline.** Continuing the story behind the news in Yorkshire. Television's Calendar studios (s) (Teletext) (1039)
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- Graham Hall infiltrates a drugs gang (8.30pm)**
- 9.30 **CHOICE Undercover Britain: Crackdown** (Teletext) (87774)  
 10.00 **NYPD Blue: Large Mouth Bass.** Lesnail interviews a handsome con man who is peddling a bogus beauty machine (s) (Teletext) (683126)  
 10.55 **In a Time of Violence.** A drama set in South Africa about ordinary people caught in violent times and a fast-changing society (r). (s) (Teletext) (4805720)  
 12.25am **My Dinner with the Devil Snake** A partly animated film by Jim Blasfield, set at a dinner party where guests tell stories (8601184)  
 1.40 **The Wanderer** Animation (3348966)  
 2.00 **Brutal Kinship** Jane Goodall investigates the way chimpanzees are used in medical research and the illegal trade in organs taken from Africa to laboratories in the United States (r). (5572556)  
 1.55 **FILM: Front Page Woman** 1936, b/w. Comedy with Bette Davis as a reporter in competition with George Brent. Directed by Michael Curtiz (5529530)

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